

Emmaus Visitor

January, 1997

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
"A Safe Harbor"

1925 Summit Avenue
☎ (414) 634-5515

Annual Meeting Scheduled Between Services January 19


Emmaus members are encouraged to meet in the Sunset Room at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, January 5, for the preliminary meeting on the 1997 budget. A report on this year's pledge drive may be found on page 3 of this issue of the *Visitor*.

Final consideration of the 1997 budget will take place during the annual meeting of the congregation on January 19. Worship 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, and approval of the 1997 budget. Persons interested in serving on the church council, or who know of someone whose voice should be

added to the council, are encouraged to speak with Pastor Mary or Pastor Paul.

In the January EMMAUS VISITOR:

- ▶ Pledge Campaign Update 
- ▶ Middle School Sleep-In Jan. 18
- ▶ Epiphany Festival at Siena Center Jan. 19
- ▶ Service Book & Hymnal Available Free
- ▶ Carol Eschmann to Serve as Parish Nurse

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

Dec. 22
Miranda Leigh Page

Miranda, born August 12, is the infant daughter of Brian and Susan Page. Her sponsors are Stephen Page, Dianne Jagmin and Anthony Winter.

Dec. 22
Ryan Andrew
Doerpinghaus

Ryan, the grandson of David and Janet Doerpinghaus, was born to Todd and Marie Doerpinghaus on June 22. His sponsors are Jon Holter, Judy Jenkins, and Chris & Mary Jude Doerpinghaus.



Dec. 29
Jacob Steven
Krueger

Jacob, born May 19, is the son of Steven and Virginia Krueger. His sponsors are Letisia Jaramillo, Justin Morones, and Chris and Karen Olson.

Funerals:

Dec. 19
Walter Scantling

Walter "Bud" Scantling passed away December 15 at the age of 68. He is survived by his wife, Ann. A professional photographer, Mr. Scantling operated Samuel's Studio until his retirement in 1981.

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: Pat Liesch & Grace Falaschi

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. 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.

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PLEDGE COMPARISON	1994	1995	1996	1997
# of Pledges	118	141	121	122
Total Pledged	\$120,433.44	\$163,326.25	\$151,847.20	\$139,201.00
Ave. Annual Pledge	\$1,020.62	\$1,158.34	\$1,254.94	\$1,140.99

Stewardship Results for 1997 Present Challenge

As this *Visitor* goes to press, the results of the stewardship campaign for 1997 pledges were 122 pledges for a total of \$139,201. There may still be a handful of pledges forthcoming. These results compare to recent years on the above chart.

The number of pledges was second only to 1995, when members of Emmaus were responding to a drastic shortfall in 1994. The total amount pledged, however, was down. That means a projected income of \$5,000 to \$10,000 less than 1996, and therefore the



budget process will likely be difficult. Church Council is hopeful that the congregation will respond to this shortfall, as it has in the past, meeting the challenge of supporting our ministry together. Please be part of the process as we take a more detailed look at the year ahead; there will be two primary opportunities: the budget hearing during the Adult Forum on January 5 and the annual meeting on January 19, both during the Sunday School hour (9:15 to 10:15 a.m.)

Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt!

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

Jim & Nancy Martinsen, in thanks for blessings received;

Marian Bower, in memory of her brother, Frederic Bower;

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

Bob & Margaret Christensen, in

celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary.

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

New Members Join Emmaus

The following people were received into membership at Emmaus in December:

Marian Bower
5926 Douglas Avenue #6
Racine, WI 53402-1747

Fern Clark
546 Greenfield Road
Racine, WI 53402

Doris Jensen
1455 Sun Valley Drive #204
Racine, WI 53405-5763



Donna Rangel
Alexandra Rangel,
Eric A. Larsen
3055 N. Wisconsin Avenue
Racine, WI 53402

Anne Yaktiyol
Katie & Alina Yaktiyol
3543 Monarch Drive
Racine, WI 53406

We welcome a wonderful group of people and look forward to their becoming an integral part of the Emmaus community.

Emmaus Bids Martinsens Farewell and Godspeed

At the 10:30 worship service on Dec. 8, the congregation said their farewells to Jim and Nancy Martinsen. Jim retired from his position at S. C. Johnson & Son over a year ago, and he and Nancy have relocated to Bonita Springs, Florida.

The Martinsens were very active in many areas at Emmaus and we take this opportunity to say thank you as well as to wish them Godspeed during this time of transition and new beginnings in their life.

Church Undecorating Includes Chili Feed

Want to have some fun with Emmaus friends? Join in helping disassemble the Christmas decorations immediately following the 10:30 service on January 5. We'll get together for a

chili feed in Fellowship Hall when the work is done. Sign up in the narthex or give Marsha Connet (633-2047) a call so we know how many to cook for.

Saturday Pianist Sought

Currently there is a vacancy for the position of pianist for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday worship services. Any

interested candidates for the position should contact either Kathy Christensen (886-2151) or the church office.

Pastor Mary to Lead January Bible Studies

As an introduction to the 1997 women's Bible study based on Exodus, "From Slavery to Service," Pastor Mary will lead the study at the combined meeting of the Mary and Rebecca Circles at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8 at the church. She will present that study again to the **Miriam**



Circle at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14 in the home of Jan Sukus.

The Word Alive! Bible Study will resume with identical sessions on Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 12 at 9:15 a.m. That study is open to all interested adults.

Pastor Paul Leads Study of "Violence Unveiled"

Pastor Paul is leading a study group for other pastors on the second and fourth Tuesdays in January and

February. They will be studying together the book and video series entitled *Violence Unveiled* by Gil Bailie.

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. 5 Hearing on the 1996 Budget. Members of the Executive Committee of the Church Council will lead the discussion of the budget. Your input is valued!
- JAN. 12 Word Alive! Bible Study
- JAN. 19 No Adult Forum; Annual Meeting of the Congregation in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.
- JAN. 26 Speaker to be announced.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Wallace Sorenson: \$700.00 Non-designated
In memory of Richard & Irene Carrington: \$100.00 Summer flowers

KFC Nuggets

Thanks to All for Your Support

The Kids for Christ and Believers in Christ youth groups would like to extend their thanks to the congregation for its generous support of the Thanksgiving pie social through your donation of pies and through your donations that evening.

We also would like to thank you for your support of our Wreath Sale. Your understanding of the delayed shipment was extremely appreciated. The youth continue to appreciate your support through your participation in our events. Thanks so much!

Sleep-in January 18-19

Prepare yourself for the end of the semester! Plan to come to a sleep-in,

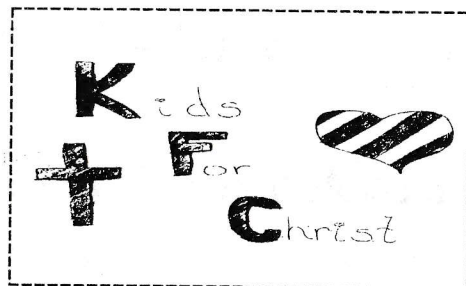
The BIC Pen

LYE Pre-Registration Due This Month

Do we have any youth or chaperons interested in attending the Lutheran Youth Event (LYE) Chicago Congress March 14-16? If so, we need to pre-register by January 12. There is a \$30.00 deposit due at pre-registration.

As visions of Superbowls dance in our heads, it is once again time to plan for the annual construction of the submarines! Sandwiches, that is. Senior High students are invited to gather Saturday, January 25 (tentative time:

at church on Saturday, January 18. It starts at 7:00 p.m. Saturday and ends after first service on Sunday. Bring your pillows, sleeping bags and snacks to share. If you want to bring a friend, please get permission from Chris Olson (634-2582) or Cindi Larsen (681-0282).



We'll provide a late-night snack and a light breakfast. See your Sunday School teachers for permission slips.

Parents: please note that we *need*

chaperones--especially a female. Please see Chris or Cindi. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

Feb. 9: Peppermint Gym, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pizza at the church afterward. Cost \$6.00.

10:00 a.m.) to put together the Superbowl Subs for sale at church between services the next day.

Building & Grounds Report

New Storm Windows Purchased

New storm windows were purchased for the Fireside Room thanks to an anonymous donor.

Sunday School News

Thanks for Christmas Program Help!

By Pat Liesch and Grace Falaschi

Thank you to all the children, teachers, parents, pastors, and staff who helped with the Sunday School Christmas program. It made for a really special children's service.

Education meeting

Special notice to all Sunday School teachers and other interested

persons:

An education meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this special meeting will be to set up memory work for this year, and to decide on educational materials for next year's Sunday School classes.

Please make every effort to attend.

WELCA Bulletins

1996 Officers Installed at Christmas Meeting

Thanks to all who attended our Christmas meeting on December 10. Following our cookie packing, Jan Svendsen gave devotions and we had a brief business meeting and installation of the WELCA Board for 1997. We were then treated to a piano concert by Ukrainian exchange student Olga



Yevguschenko.

January Bible Study

Pastor Mary will introduce our 1997 Bible study, "From Slavery to Service," at Circle meetings in January. Mary and Rebecca Circles will meet together at church at 1:30 p.m. on January 8; Miriam Circle will meet at Jan Sukus' home on January 14.

An Office Memo

Pastor Paul Has Two Offices

Pastor Paul has two offices: one at church and one at the parsonage, which members are encouraged to treat as extensions of one another. His office at home has the better computer for working more efficiently; *please feel free to call him there during office hours.*

His office at church is better suited for meeting in person; if you drop in to talk and he's at his parsonage office, you are encouraged to have Paul Berge ring him to make a quick switch of offices. Bottom line: Pastor Paul wants to be available to you and doesn't want his time in his parsonage office to hinder that.

Missing Stainless Steel Flatware to Be Replaced

by Margaret Christensen

This past summer, while preparing a funeral luncheon, the women working in the kitchen discovered that the Danish stainless steel flatware was missing. It had last been used for a funeral luncheon in May. The 100-place setting flatware has always been stored in labeled boxes on the top shelves on one of the cupboards.

The police were notified and a claim was filed with the insurance company. An exhaustive search of the church turned up three pieces of the set, which were found to have been inadvertently placed with the regular flatware; they were taken to be appraised. On the basis of that

appraisal, the insurance company issued a check to Emmaus for \$6,339.44.

A committee is being formed to select the pattern of the new flatware. At this time, Pat Jensen and Cheryl Dexter of the WELCA Hospitality Committee and Kathy Cook and Jan Svendsen of the WELCA Board have agreed to be on the selection committee. Judy Yorgan, owner of Plumb Gold Jewelry Store, has agreed to assist the committee in the acquisition of the flatware.

A decision should be made on the selection of flatware in January. It will take approximately two months to receive the flatware once it has been ordered.

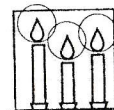
Storage Area Being Vacated

To prepare for the anticipated kitchen renovation, Ryan Kreimer is coordinating the sorting, tossing and relocating of the items in the storage area off the kitchen. Ryan is helping Emmaus clear the way for our kitchen improvements as his Eagle Scouts project.

Ryan has met with June Beck, Esther Jensen, Pat Jensen and Pastor Mary to begin the sorting and labeling process. Volunteers from the congregation, including the confirmation classes, will be asked to help with the project.

We are discarding the old red hymnals which have been stored in this room. If you would like to take one, please feel free to take one. They are located in the Sunset

Room library. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Kreimer at 637-1169.





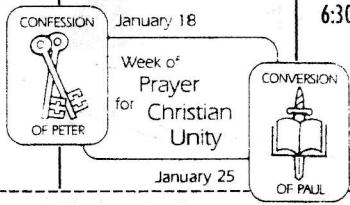
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Jan. 4 5:00 pm		Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen		
Jan. 5 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Team #3 Harold Miller	Cindi Larsen
Jan. 5 10:30 am	Becky Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan	Anne Felton Julie Field	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Kathy Christensen
Jan. 12 8:00 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Al Svendsen
Jan. 12 10:30 am	Amanda Lawler Kristen Andersen		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Karen Sedgwick
Jan. 18 5:00 pm		Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen		
Jan. 19 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Tom Pie	Sharon Devine Cynthia Cook	Team #7 John Cook	Eileen Olson
Jan. 19 10:30 am	Nate Pearson Ken Larsen	Marge Jensen Evelyn Larsen	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Ryan Sedgwick
Jan. 26 8:00 am	Dave Lasko Chris Nikolai		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Ruth Hlavka
Jan. 26 10:30 am	Chris Sedgwick Eric Van Berg		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Tim Van Berg
Feb. 1 5:00 pm				
Feb. 2 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders		Team #3 Harold Miller	
Feb. 2 10:30 am	Kevin Meteyard Scott Rudey		Team #2 Lyle Andersen	

ALTAR FLOWERS
 Jan. 5: Skip Toslek
 Jan. 12: Joy Kousek
 Jan. 19: TBA
 Jan. 26: TBA
 Feb. 2: Jim & Joan Larsen

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
 TBA
 Gregg Albright family
 TBA
 Congregational Meeting
 Please sign up!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
January, 1997 Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, WI 53404 Phone (414) 634-5515			I RESOLVE SERVE LEARN TEACH PRAY GIVE HELP STUDY 			1 <i>The Name of Jesus</i> Office closed	2 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 6:30 pm REST	4 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Pastor Paul on vacation: December 30 - January 4									
5 <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:20 am Adult Forum: 1997 budget hearing 11:45 am Church undecorating and chili feed	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 9:30 am Pastors Planning Day 6:30 pm WELCA Board 6:30 pm Deacons mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	7 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council	8 1:30 pm Rebecka & Mary Circles Joint meeting & Bible Study 6:30 pm Executive Committee 6:30 pm Youth Committee 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	9 7:00 pm Word Alive! Bible Study	10 6:30 pm REST 	11 5:00 pm Worship Service			
12 <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Word Alive! Bible Study	13 <i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday</i> 11:00 am Staff meeting 6:30 pm Church Council	14 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:00 pm Study Group: <i>Violence Unveiled</i> 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle	15 <i>Visitor deadline</i> 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice 7:00 pm Education Committee	16	17 6:30 pm REST	18 <i>Confession of St. Peter</i> 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion 7:00 pm KFC Lock-in			
19 <i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Chicago Folk Service w/Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 1:30 pm Racine Mission Cluster Epiphany Festival at Siena Center; concert at 3:00	20 11:00 am Staff meeting	21 9:30 am Cluster Clergy 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	22 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	23 CONFESSION OF PETER January 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity CONVERSION OF PAUL January 25 	24 6:30 pm REST	25 <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i> 10:00 am Submarine construction 5:00 pm Worship Service			
Pastor Mary on vacation: January 20-24									
26 <i>Sts. Timothy, Titus & Silas (Or Brett, Reggie & Mike)</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service 9:00 am Coffee fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum	27 <i>Lydia, Dorcas & Phoebe</i> 11:00 am Staff meeting	28 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:00 pm Study Group: <i>Violence Unveiled</i> 6:30 pm TOPS	29 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	30	31 6:30 pm REST	Feb. 1 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.			

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Acting Directors: Pastors Mary & Paul

The center opens at 10:00 a.m.

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

Program for January:

Jan. 7 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 John & Lila Berge: Scenes of Ancient Greece
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities

Jan. 14 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 Carol Eschmann, Parish Nurse
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities

Jan. 21 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 Video
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities

Jan. 28 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 Al Beck
 12:00 Birthday Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND OVER

Jan. 7	Harold Miller	2705 James Boulevard	53403
Jan. 10	J. Erik Nielsen	3321 Fourth Avenue	53402
Jan. 11	Oscar Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
Jan. 24	Ella Allen	4314 Taylor Avenue	53405
Jan. 26	Beulah Orman	Oak Ridge	53182
Jan. 28	Esther Reichenberger	5455 Durand Avenue	53406
Jan. 29	Jeannette Bertram	1830 Polaris Avenue	53404
Jan. 30	Arden Bertermann	1100 Fountain Drive #303	53402
Jan. 30	Grace Unger	6510 Lincolnshire Drive	53403

Carol Eschmann to Serve as Parish Nurse

As a part of the community outreach component of All Saints Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, Emmaus will be served by Carol Eschmann as a part-time parish nurse. This service is offered by All Saints at no cost to the participating congregations.

No stranger to many members of Emmaus, Carol has a great deal to offer in the professional capacity of parish nurse. The emphasis of the parish nurse program is wholeness

and well-being with attention given to spiritual, emotional and physical health of the members of the congregation. Devoting two hours per week to Emmaus, Carol will do everything from education to advocacy to blood pressure checks. The majority of her work will be done on Tuesdays.

We warmly welcome Carol as our parish nurse and look forward to a new dimension to our ministry here at Emmaus.



Emmaus Attendance Statistics



Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.:	1994: 204	1995: 193	1996: 197
Average Weekly Attendance, Dec.:	1994: 248	1995: 197	1996: 195
Thanksgiving Eve service:	1994: 109	1995: 107	1996: 84
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. service:	1994: 227	1995: 214	1996: 176
Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m. service:	1994: 165	1995: 127	1996: 139

Financial Statistics

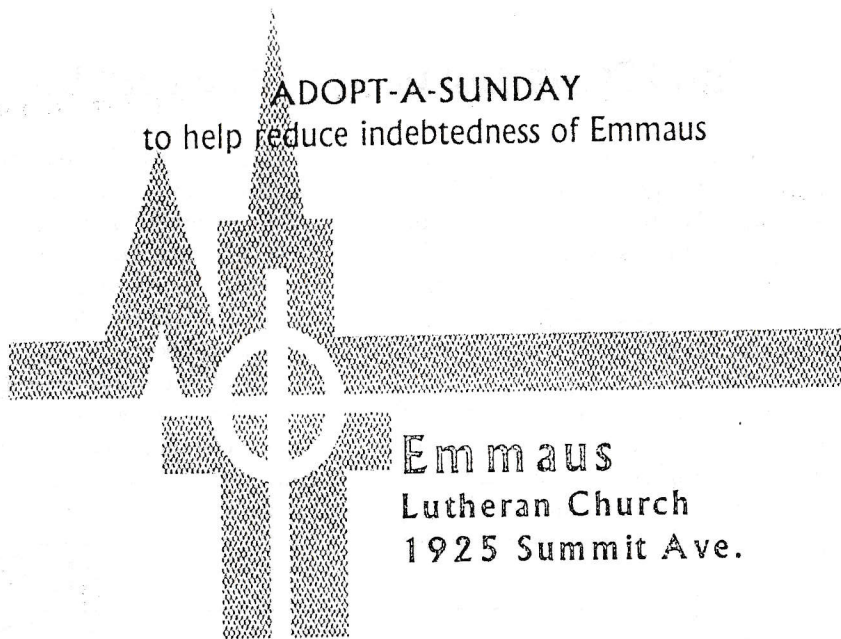
	Needed for budget	Actual
Offerings received in November*	\$16,800.52	\$14,298.87
Total received as of November 25, 1996	\$197,656.11	\$178,176.89
November mortgage payments: Principal		\$451.78
Interest		\$1,475.22
Total		\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of December 11, 1996		\$217,426.80
November Building Fund offerings		\$635.00

*Thanksgiving Eve service offerings will be included in December figure.

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of Nov. 30, 1996

Number of people served:	239	Amount of money received:	\$149.57
		From: Trinity Middle School Youth:	\$110.00
		Emmaus Lutheran:	\$34.51
		Cash Donation:	\$5.00
Amount of money spent:	\$1,016.26	Checkbook:	\$633.51

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: _____

January 1997						
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Elsewhere In Our Community

Racine Lutherans Join for Epiphany Fest January 19

The congregations of the ELCA's Racine Mission Cluster will hold their annual Epiphany Festival on January 19, 1996. The Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, will once again be the setting for this celebration of crafts and music.

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 of charge by member congregations.

You are invited to join the mass choir, directed this year by Greg Berg

and Andrew Duncan. The choir will rehearse on the afternoon of the program at 1:00. Also planned are a orchestral group, led by Dana Hansen, and a mass children's choir, led by Cheryl Neff-Lorenz.

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, and bring a friend!

Lutherdale to Host Youth Ministry Seminar

"In the Looking Glass--Visioning for Youth Ministry in the 21st Century" will be held at Lutherdale Bible Camp from 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 28 until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 1. The featured speaker is "Tiger" McLuen, the executive director

of Youth Leadership Inc.

Advance registration is \$25.00 until Jan. 31, \$32.75 after February 1. The cost includes program fees, room and two meals. If interested, please contact Chris Olson (634-2582).

Lutherdale Offers Time Out for Couples

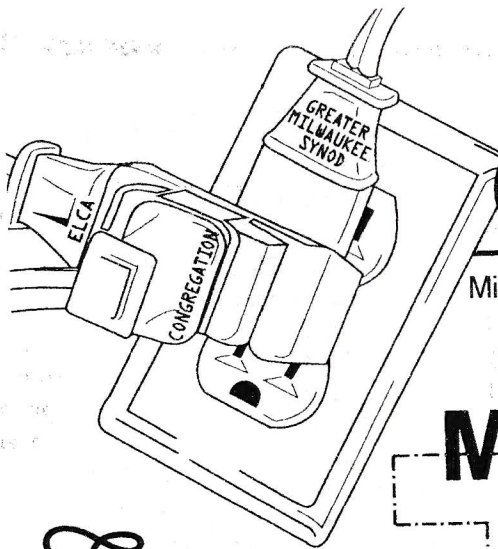
"Couples' Time Out" will be held at Lutherdale Bible Camp on Saturday, February 15, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This program focuses on couples and finding the strengths within their marriages. The resource facilitators will be Shirley and Paul Wehmeier from Lutheran Social Services of Waukesha.

The cost for the program is \$35.00 per couple and includes program and lunch. Overnight stays on Friday or Saturday and extra meals can be

arranged. If interested, please contact Chris Olson (634-2582).

Siena Offers Tutor Training

The Adult Learning Program is offering a Tutor Training Workshop at Siena Center on Jan. 21, 22 and 24, 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Please call 639-4100 for more information or to register. Evening schedule is possible for those interested.



We Are Connected

Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

GLOBAL MISSIONS...

Are Life-Changing

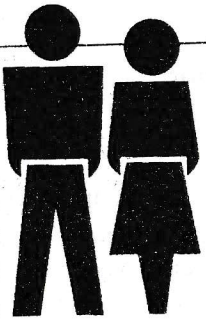
Savior and Lord in ways that serve the needs of poor and suffering people; always working in partnership with indigenous churches. We are also committed to increase the partnership and involvement of ELCA congregations and members in mission.

So how are congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod involved in global mission? First of all, through our being connected in the work of the whole church. Our commitment to *making Christ known* leads us to pray and work as Christ's witnesses in Kenosha, and

We Support Christ's Mission Around the World

400
missionaries

Partnerships
in more than
40
countries



We are partners with Lutheran churches in other nations, Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran World Relief.

The message of the Epiphany season is that *Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, has come!* Our privilege and responsibility as Christ's people is "to be Christ's witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth!" (Acts 1:8)

As part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, you'll want to know that the ELCA places a very high priority on *making Christ known to the world!* One-fourth of the budget of the ELCA is devoted to working with partner churches around the globe. As an ELCA we have a total of 400 personnel serving in 40 countries. Some of them are short-term (2-3 years). Some are long-term (3+ years). The remainder are volunteers serving between 2-24 month calls.

Our ELCA Missionary personnel are involved in teaching, health care, agricultural development, evangelism, pastoral ministry, administration, and other areas of ministry as requested by our partner churches.

The Division for Global Mission of the ELCA is committed to proclaim that Jesus Christ is

We Are Connected - GLOBAL MISSIONS

Milwaukee, and to the ends of the earth. Our mission support offerings provide the basic financing for all our ELCA ministries. Secondly, at least 17 of our 143 congregations have been involved in the Missionary Sponsorship program in the past two years, committing themselves to \$1,000 or more in special gifts for annual support of a specific missionary. Individuals or congregations can also sponsor a Missionary-for-a-Day at the level of \$130. (David Larseth, at the Lutheran Center in Chicago can provide useful information on these programs. Call 800-638-3522.)

And how might we be involved as people of the ELCA's Greater Milwaukee Synod? Possibly as volunteers! Mary Campbell (Redeemer/Milwaukee) is an attorney working with the Lutheran Church in

El Salvador. A recent college-grad who grew up at St. John's/Jackson is teaching English for a year in Slovakia. Volunteer teachers, medical personnel, people with construction or maintenance skills are always needed! Are you ready for a 2-24 month adventure in serving? Or would you help pay expenses for someone locally who is?

What Do You Provide for ELCA Missionaries?

Your offerings cover:

- international travel for home and emergency leave
- moving expenses
- foreign income taxes
- children's education
- local transportation and housing
- continuing education
- language study and orientation
- annual retreats

Each summer, the Division for Global Mission hosts two Global Mission Events, 3-days in length, for adults, youth and children of the ELCA. The 1997 events will be July 10-13 at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL; and July 17-20 at Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX. These events

can connect us with voices and stories of Christian sisters and brothers from around the world.

Prayer Connections...

Always, as persons and as congregations, we can pray for the work of global mission. Here's a place to begin -

Merciful Father, you caused the light of the Gospel to shine among us. Extend your mercy now, we pray, to all the people of the world who do not have hope in Jesus Christ, that your salvation may be made known to them also and that all hearts would turn to you; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Lutheran Book of Worship



A New Multi-culturalism

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

My dad grew up in northern, rural Wisconsin and was fond of telling us stories about the attending hardships of his childhood as I grew up. We now like to joke about it. A recent birthday card to him bore the following message: "Happy Birthday! It's another occasion for you to tell the story of how you walked eight miles through the snow to be born."

We have fun accusing him of stretching the truth further with each re-telling, but there is also an important truth behind his stories: the circumstances of his youth were in fact far removed from those that I was fortunate to enjoy. And even further removed from those of his grandchildren. My dad grew up in a house without central heat, electricity, or indoor plumbing. I can't conceive of making a dash to the outhouse in sub-zero temperatures, or reading by lamp, or brushing my teeth in the morning out of a bowl of water that first has to be thawed on the stove. My children can't conceive of life without color TV or VCR's. They have no notion of what it means to survive the social trauma of a Great Depression or a World War. On the other hand, they already know more about using computers than their grandfather. Spanning these three generations in our family is a movement from a life marked by reading from candlelight to lives inundated with a myriad of mass media. Do you have

similar stories in your family?

What does this all mean to the social fabric of our life together at the turn of the 21st Century? It means, I think, a new brand of multi-culturalism. We are most accustomed to talking



Pastor's Notes

about multi-culturalism as bridging the gaps between the cultures of the various races and ethnic groups. But I think we are now seeing increasingly pronounced differences between the cultures of the generations. The radically different circumstances between my dad's and my sons' growing up is all too

typical. The result can be described, I believe, as basically growing up in two different cultures, even though my father and sons are obviously descended from the same race and ethnic group.

There are many consequences to this new multi-culturalism. But one of the places where we can most easily note its effects is in Sunday morning worship. Worship has always been greatly affected and shaped by culture. Yet the Christian message purports to be a universal one and so has always needed to contend with numerous brands of multi-culturalism. At the turn of the 20th Century, for instance, the Lutheran church in this country struggled with all the various European cultures whose immigrant groups had started their own churches. Multi-culturalism at Emmaus 75 years ago dealt with whether or not English services should be added to the

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Pastor Paul's Column Continued

Danish ones, a dilemma we obviously overcame. (When was the last time Emmaus had a pastor who could even *speak* Danish?)

The civil rights movement of the last 40 years has brought about multi-culturalism as we've come to think about it: as having to do especially with culture between the races. Emmaus, as have most European background churches, has not done too well with this brand of multi-culturalism. Most of our members are still of European descent.

But now we are even faced with a new challenge, I think, a new multi-culturalism that has arisen because of the radical changes from generation to generation. It is one we are forced to deal with as long as there are multiple generations at our church. Sadly, some churches have already begun to become segregated along generational lines. There are older congregations in which almost all of the young people have left. And there are new churches, catering to the younger generations, who have few senior members and little sense of tradition or roots. At Emmaus I think we are fortunate enough to still have the challenge before us of integrating the generations successfully.

This year we have enjoyed a taste of this as some of our youth have brought their music into our worship. Our thanks especially to Adam Pechman and David Rudey for being bold enough to share! And this coming year it is the primary assignment for the Worship & Music Task Force to lead us in contending with this new multi-culturalism. They will meet for the first time this month, under the leadership of Gregg & Kylee Albright. We have great

hopes of being able to move forward in offering a variety of worship experiences that will bridge the generations.

One last thought: facing this new brand of multi-culturalism between the generations may inadvertently help us with the more conventional form of multi-culturalism between races and ethnic groups. For part of our younger generation's culture is this latter form of multi-culturalism. They have been raised in it over the last thirty years. Let me give you a quick example. When the Wadewitz Elementary School Choir, under the direction of our own Cathy Meyer, recently sang a Christmas concert for our Senior Center, their repertoire included Jewish, Native American, African American, and Italian carols. Our children are growing up learning the songs of other cultures, such that these other songs become part of their culture. Perhaps our children can teach us to be more welcoming of the cultures of the other races as we all learn together to be multi-cultural among the generations.

As we face a New Year, I am excited by the prospects of Emmaus taking further steps toward this new multi-culturalism in our worship. We will need patience and openness with one another; we will need to listen to one another. Above all, we will need the guidance and promptings of the Holy Spirit, which—ever since that miraculous multi-cultural experience on Pentecost—is always about the business of bringing all people together under the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

May we have a happy and exciting New Year!

In the Spirit's love,

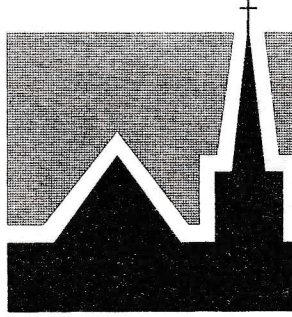
Pastor Paul

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

1. Prior to the Entrance Hymn, the pastors will toss a coin. The winner may elect to be the preacher or liturgist; the loser may elect to defend the pulpit or the lectern.
2. The Entrance Hymn: "A Multitude Comes from the East and West"
3. The Setting Forth of the Rules:
 - a. Any acolyte found to be in illegal motion will be assessed a five yard penalty or the loss of a candle.
 - b. Offering plates may be lateraled; the peace may be passed.
 - c. The liturgist may fake a hand-off to the Lay Reader and read the Lessons him/herself, provided that changes in audible signals are clearly given.
 - d. A sermon in excess of 18 minutes will be regarded as "delay of the Service" and the preacher may lose possession of the pulpit.
 - e. Gate receipts may be gathered during the half-time show.
 - f. Unconfirmed communicants (ineligible receivers) may be placed on wafers.
4. The lessons: Exodus 14:22 (Israelites make quarterback sneak across Red Sea); Eph. 6:14-17 (Dressing the players with proper equipment); Matt. 28:16-20 (Jesus sends out the eleven).
5. Hymn of the Day: "Pass It On"
6. The Sermon.
7. During the prayers, if the pastor is trapped behind the communion railing, the laity score a safety.
8. The Two Minute Warning (played by the carillon).
9. The Benediction and Closing Cheers.

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Kid-Friendly Wednesday Services Return in Lent

To provide opportunities for all ages and to give choice of format and time of day for midweek Lenten worship, options are being offered for our midweek services.

Continuing last year's format, the Wednesday night Lenten worship services, beginning February 19, will be held in the Sunset Room, 6:40-7:00 p.m. These worship experiences will be planned with children in mind, giving them the opportunity to read portions of Scripture, and interacting with them with hands-on objects for the meditations. The theme is "The Bad and the Good," using word opposites each week to help children understand the suffering and death of Jesus in a positive way.

Preceding the worship time, supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall (5:00-6:00 p.m.) and an Activity Time will be offered by Carol Rudey from 6:00 to 6:35 p.m.

Tuesday Lunch Hour Worship

As has been the case during the past several years, Tuesday 12:15 p.m. is

a time when other members and friends of Emmaus can join the seniors for a time of meditation and worship. Everyone is invited to meet for lunch in Fellowship hall at 11:30; to reserve a place, let the church office know by Monday morning. The worship service follows lunch in the sanctuary, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

The theme of this year's meditations will be "God's Love Breaks Through!" emphasizing each week the assurance that God's Love Breaks Through our human brokenness. The Tuesday services, led by our pastors, will be offered February 18 and 25 and March 4, 11 and 18.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Lent begins, of course, with traditional Ash Wednesday worship services on February 12 at both 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be offered at both times.

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

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

Jan. 26, 1997

Emma Jean Hierseman

Born November 23, 1996, Emma is the daughter of Jerry and Lisé Hierseman. Her sponsors are Jodi and Scott Muerhoff.



We extend our sympathy to Ginny Haugsby on the death of her mother, Madelyn Bloom, on December 21. Mrs. Bloom was a resident of Wausau, Wisconsin.

MEMORIALS

Non-Designated Memorials:

In memory of Lois Gueldenzopf and Shirley Psiones: \$100.00

In memory of Wallace Sorenson: \$100.00

Offering Envelopes Can 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 1997 are asked to contact the church office (634-5515) to have their offering boxes mailed or delivered by the pastors.

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday School Superintendents: Pat Liesch & Grace Falaschi

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. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

Ash Wednesday services will be held at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. February 12. Lenten midweek services will be offered Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:40 p.m. beginning February 18-19.

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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WELCA Bulletins

Women to Hold Lenten Breakfast, Retreat

by Myra Nielsen

The women of the church will hold a bake sale after both church services on Sunday, February 16.

WELCA's Lenten breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars now for the women's retreat at the Siena Center,

Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. Interested persons unable to stay overnight may still attend the Saturday portion of the retreat.

Save your Campbell soup labels and your Pick and Save receipts with "We Care" stickers. There is a can in the grocery cart in the narthex for these labels and receipts.

Youth Sunday Is February 16

This year's Youth Sunday will feature the music leadership of our young people using the Chicago Folk Service liturgy. A number of special musics are also being planned. Our youth are also working on a drama to present the day's message. Come support our young people as they lead us in worship!

Sandy Strini to be Honored

There will also be a special coffee hour on Youth Sunday in honor of Sandy Strini, hosted by our youth.



Sandy has recently stepped down after many years of dedicated service to our high school youth. She has made many trips canoeing, and to Great America and Youth Congresses, etc.; she has weekly taught the high school Sunday school class; she has led lock-ins, service projects, Youth Sundays, and more; most importantly, she has been a Christian friend and model to our teens.

You are invited to come February 16 between the services and say "Thank you, Sandy!"

Youth Committee Picks July 6-11 as Our Week at Lutherdale

Brochures may be picked up from the window ledge in the church office to register for 1997 summer camp at Lutherdale. The Youth Ministry Committee has designated the week of July 6-11 as a week that members and friends of Emmaus might try to be there together.

March 1 deadline

The deadline to register for this or any week this summer, and to make your deposit, is March 1. If you would like to make plans for July 6-11, sooner rather than later is better; spaces fill up quickly this month.

February 20-21

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. 20 and Friday, Feb. 21. Pastor Mary will lead the 6th graders in their sessions on prayer and Pastor Paul will lead the 7th grade sessions on Baptism.

Things to Bring

Campers and leaders are asked to eat supper before leaving on Thursday. They will need to bring a snack to share on Thursday night, a sleeping bag and pillow, towel and personal hygiene items, and warm, outdoor clothing. Sledding and other activities will be

scheduled during free time. A soda vending machine is available at Lutherdale, or you may bring your own soft drinks.

Each camper will need to send a check to Emmaus for \$15.00, payable to Lutherdale, by Feb. 15. This will cover 60% of the cost for each camper; the remainder will be covered by Emmaus campership funds.

The group will leave church at 5:30 Thursday and return to the church around 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

Parents: Chaperons and several drivers are needed (drive to, from, or both). This is about a 45-

minute trip.

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

LUTHERDALE



RETREAT

KFC Nuggets/BIC Pen

Youth Group Reserves Gym

by Pat Liesch

On Sunday, February 9, the Kids For Christ (KFC) and Believers in Christ (BIC) youth groups have reserved the Racine Gymnastic Center (formerly Peppermint Gym) at 2501 Golf Avenue from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Bring a friend and meet us there at 2:00 for fun and exercise! Then we'll go to church for pizza and soda. Cost is

\$6.00.

Parents, please drop your kids off at the gym at 2:00 p.m., and pick them up at church at 5:00 p.m. We also need parents to transport kids from the gym to church at 3:30 p.m. See you there!

Upcoming Events

March: Youth and Family

April: Outdoors service project

Annual Congregational Meeting

Budget Approved; Council Elected

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the congregation was held January 19 between the worship services. Reports were given, and the main order of business, as it is each year, was the election of the church council and the adoption of the 1997 budget.

Council Slate Elected

Virtually the entire 1996 council was re-elected with one addition made. Ellen Nuechterlein was elected to represent the Congregational Life committee. A word of caution was raised for her to abstain from votes with a conflict of interest, but the overall reaction to her participation was positive.



Here, then, is the full slate:

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

At press time, two vacancies remain on the council, for the Social Concerns and Parish Education committees.

The budget proposal was passed after some discussion of support staff compensation, which was referred to the Executive Committee. Copies of the 1996 Annual Report are still available in the narthex.

Racine Cluster Assembly to Meet Feb. 4

The annual assembly of the Racine Mission Cluster of the ELCA will convene at Bethania Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4. Pastors and delegates to the Greater Milwaukee Synod assembly should plan to attend; the assembly is open to all ELCA church members.

The first portion of the meeting will focus on a number of discussion starter questions from the Synod Outreach Strategy Team regarding

current outreach efforts of the cluster. Items on the agenda are expected to include the election of Racine Mission Cluster Council officers for 1997. Bethania Lutheran Church is located at the corner of Wright Avenue and Orchard Street.

"You cannot go on being the good egg forever. You must either hatch or rot."

—C. S. Lewis

Can You Help REST?

Winter and W-2 are upon us. January 10, we served 26 persons, including six children. We are in need of volunteers for all shifts. Here in a nutshell, is what we do:

6:30-11:00 p.m. - First shift helps set up sleeping mats, dispenses sheets, pillows, towels, washcloths, etc. This shift helps prepare and serve supper and cleans up afterward. Then we make bag lunches and prepare a breakfast casserole.

11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. - Second shift handles late night arrivals, sometimes warming food up for them.

5:00-7:00 a.m. - Morning shift sets up and serves breakfast and cleans up and puts away the sleeping mats.

Our sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Jim Palmer (681-2363).

Items REST Can Use

Some of you have asked what you

can do to help the REST program. We need:

- ♥ coffee
- ♥ eggs
- ♥ left-over chicken or turkey for soup
- ♥ casseroles for an assigned evening (see Pat Liesch)
- ♥ frozen ground beef, shredded cheddar cheese
- ♥ canned juice, cooking oil/spray, paper goods (plates, bowls, napkins)
- ♥ lunch bags
- ♥ plastic sandwich bags
- ♥ toiletries (esp. toothpaste and spray deodorant to share)
- ♥ bus tokens or money for them
- ♥ and especially *volunteers!*

Non-perishable items marked for REST can be left in the church office any time. Contact Pat Liesch at 835-1363. Thank you!

Parish Nurse Corner

Don't Be Afraid to Ask Questions

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

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



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

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

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

- ◆ Are there other treatment options available?
- ◆ What are the advantages or disadvantages of one treatment over another?
- ◆ How much will this cost?
- ◆ What can I do on my own to improve my condition?

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

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

Remember, you are the leading expert on how you feel, and you have the final say on how you will be treated. You need to share your thoughts, concerns, and questions with your doctor. I am also available to assist you in understanding your problem, your treatment, or to help you cope with the system or your feelings about your situation. Your needs remain in my daily prayers. I can be reached either through your church office or by voice mail at 635-7588 extension 320.

Your servant in Christ,
Carol Eschmann, RN

EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, Dec.: 1994: 248 1995: 177 1996: 195
Average weekly attendance, January: 1995: 184 1996: 168 1997: 152

Financial Statistics

	Needed for Budget	Actual
Offerings received in December	\$16,800.52	\$24,084.56
Total received in 1996*	\$214,456.63	\$202,261.45
	<u>December</u>	<u>1996 Total</u>
Mortgage payments:		
Principal	\$454.84	\$5,419.92
Interest	\$1,472.16	\$17,904.08
Total	\$1,927.00	\$23,324.00
Principal balance as of December 31, 1996		\$217,426.80
December Building Fund offerings	\$3,233.00	\$14,554.50

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

Letters

Bishop Rogness Reports from Tanzania

Dear Mary and Paul and People of Emmaus:

Greetings from the Meru Diocese in Tanzania! We have been warmly welcomed by these gracious people, who have been praying for us travellers and for the congregations of our synod for months. This is a land of beauty, and poverty. The people are people of deep faith. We will be blessed by our companion synod relationship with them! All of us will be anxious to tell stories of this place when we return.

Grace and peace,
—Peter Rogness

Thanks from Foster Parents

Dear church members,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gifts for our



children. Once again our party was successful. The children loved their gifts! We hope you have a very blessed 1997 year.

Thank you again,
—Foster Parent Association and foster children

Thanks from LSS

Dear Nancy and Emmaus Church,
Thank you so much for your generous gift giving to LSS (Lutheran Social Services) this Christmas season. So many needy families will greatly appreciate your kindness!

Happy holidays and God bless you,
—Julie Benson & LSS staff

What Kind of Church Do You Seek?

adapted from "Church Chimes," Redeemer Church of Joy, Odessa, TX

A man named Phil once called a pastor to say he was looking to join a church. But he went on to say that he did not want to worship every week, study the Bible, visit the sick, witness to his community, or serve as a leader or teacher.

The pastor commended him for

his desire to join but told Phil the church he was looking for was Saint Trophimus', located in another section of town. Phil took the directions and hung up.

When he arrived at Saint Trophimus', Phil came face to face with the logical result of his brand of faith. There stood an abandoned church building boarded up and ready for demolition.

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Director: Pastors Paul and Mary

The center opens at 10:00 a.m.

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



Program for February:

- Feb. 4 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Rev. James Peters, Emmanuel Lutheran Church: slides & stories about Tanzania
12:00 Regular lunch
1:00 Social activities
- Feb. 11 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Celebrate Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday: bingo (bring a prize or two if you have something to share)
12:00 Regular lunch
1:00 Social activities
- Feb. 18 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Susan Schneck, Wustum Museum: Art for all ages
11:30 Regular lunch
12:15 Lenten services
1:00 Social Activities
- Feb. 25 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Rev. Steve Blyth, Zion Luth.: Intercultural Ministry
11:30 Birthday lunch
12:15 Lenten services
1:00 Social activities

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND BETTER

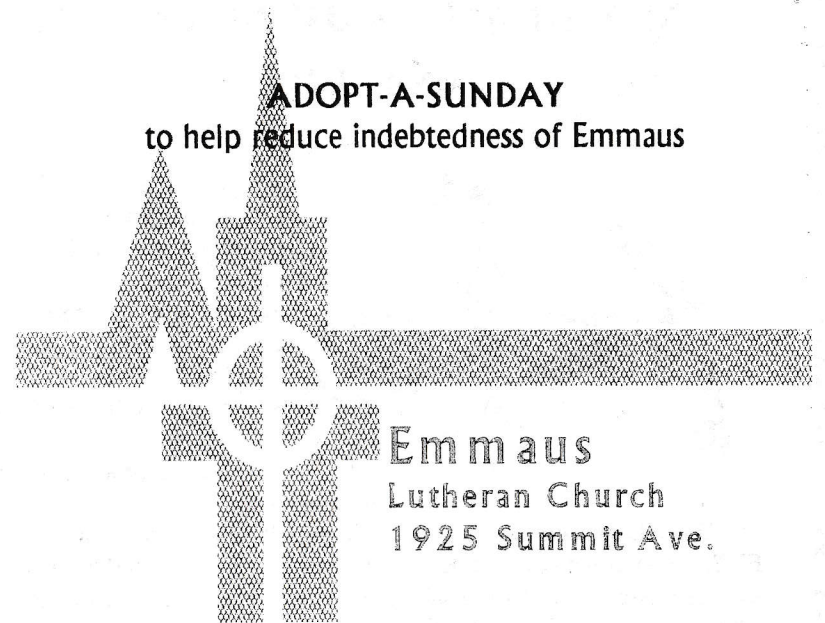
Feb. 1	Kathryn Thorsen	3900 N. Main St. #222	53402
Feb. 3	Keith Protheroe	1831 Geneva Street	53402
Feb. 4	Dan Bertram	5455 Durand Avenue	53406
Feb. 14	Bernice Holding	9824 4 Mile Road, Franksville	53126
Feb. 20	John Demant	14321 56th Road, Sturtevant	53177
Feb. 21	Beulah Tretow	3654 S. 51st St., Franksville	53126
Feb. 27	Harvey Thorson	3900 N. Main St. #222	53402

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY, 1997		Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 Phone 414 634-5515		WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES RESUME FEB. 19 5:00-6:15 pm ♥ Supper 6:00-6:30 pm ♥ Hands -On Science 6:40-7:00 pm ♥ "Kid-friendly" worship time, Sunset Room 7:00-8:15 pm ♥ Adult Choir practice		1 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion 
2 Presentation of Our Lord 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Forum	3 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	4 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Annual Assembly at Bethania Lutheran	5 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Mary Larsen's 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Committee 7:00 pm Adult Choir	6 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Word Alive! Bible Study 7:00 pm Stamp Club	7 6:30 pm REST	8 5:00 pm Worship Service
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16 YOUTH SUNDAY; 1st Sunday in Lent 8:00 & 10:30 am Chicago Folk Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am WELCA Bake Sale; Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Forum 11:30 am WELCA Bake Sale TABLES OF EIGHT	17 Presidents' Day 11:00 am Staff mtg.	18 Dr. Martin Luther 9:30 am Clergy Cluster at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 12:15 pm Worship Service 5:00 pm TOPS	19 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES 6:40 pm Worship Service 	20 5:30 pm 6th-7th Grade retreat leaves for Lutherdale	21 4:00 pm 6th-7th graders return 6:30 pm REST	22 5:00 pm Worship Service
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>
Feb. 1 5:00 pm		Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine		
Feb. 2 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders	Linda Meteyard Helen Mickelson	Team #3 Harold Miller	Bev Hansen
Feb. 2 10:30 am	Kevin Meteyard Scott Rudey	Jan Bertram June Beck	Team #2	Amy Larsen
Feb. 9 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Cathy Meyer
Feb. 9 10:30 am	Jon Pechman Alex Gueldenzopf		Team #4 Rich Christensen	David Christensen
Feb. 12 12:15 pm		Pat Jensen		
Feb. 12 7:30 pm	TBA	Audrey LeRoux Marg. Christensen	Team #7 John Cook	
Feb. 15 5:00 pm		Julie Christensen Pat LeRoux-Sodke		
Feb. 16 8:00 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann	Judy Berndt Bev Hansen	Youth Sunday	Betty Barth
Feb. 16 10:30 am	Erin Svoboda Amy Lawler	Mildred Schroth Marge Zielke	Youth Sunday	Mildred Schroth
Feb. 23 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Ken Larsen		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Brenda Gieszler
Feb. 23 10:30 am	Ellie Reischl Tom Pie		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Anne Felton
Mar. 1 5:00 pm		Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter		
Mar. 2 8:00 am	TBA	Cheryl Dexter Barbara Larsen	Team #3 Harold Miller	TBA
Mar. 2 10:30 am	TBA	Maurice & Anne Felton	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	TBA

	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>	<u>CANDLE CARE</u>
Feb. 2:	Jim & Joan Larsen	Amy Larsen	Arvilla Nemer
Feb. 9:	TBA	TBA	(through Feb.)
Feb. 16:	Pat & Ron Jensen	Youth	
Feb. 23:	Judy Yorgan	TBA	



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In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

And angels waited on him

(Mark 1:13)



His parents' death suddenly shifted the responsibility of his mentally ill brother to him. Facing the new experience of a case management meeting the next day, he felt overwhelmed, alone and confused. In his opinion, the brother was not receiving proper support and care in an outpatient setting.

When he placed the telephone call, he had no idea there was an ELCA support network for people like him. On the other end of the line, Dennis Busse, director for disability ministries in the ELCA Division for Church in Society, knew exactly whom to contact.

Jane Brown had also known family mental illness. "She serves as our Southern Ohio Synod contact for the Lutheran Network on Mental Illness," Busse said. "Jane called and carefully walked him through what to expect at the meeting, what to ask for, what to insist upon."

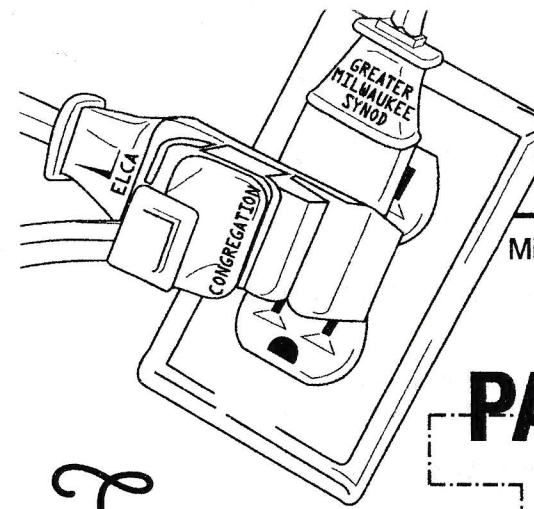
Busse initiated the network after a 1989 Churchwide Assembly memorial asked congregations to be caring places for people with mental illness. Now in 40 synods, its goal is to offer support for ministry with families of mentally ill people.

"Virtually all disability work is connecting people like Jane Brown with people who need their help," said Busse. That includes ELCA networks for deaf ministry, people with developmental disabilities and pastors with disabilities.

Through ministries such as these in the 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."



Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

We Are Connected

MISSION PARTNERS...

Are Life-Changing

This month, we give thanks for the partnership in mission celebrated between many urban and outer urban congregations throughout our synod. At last count, there were 13 urban congregations linked up with over 60 outer urban congregations, all 74 or so engaged in significant sharing of ministry. These official partnerships and those taking place more subtly through prayer and personal connections give a broader understanding of mission and ministry to all who are involved. It is in such connection in the Greater Milwaukee Synod that Christ is being made known.

Mission Partners make these connections in many wonderful ways.

Often times it is a Christmas gift exchange which sparks the connection, but then ignites the flame of the Spirit as congregations worship together, as they play together, as they enter into work projects together, as they maintain one another in prayer, as they simply come to know one another over coffee and

fellowship.

It is clear, however, that these partnerships benefit urban and outer urban congregations alike. They help us to recognize and comprehend a more complete understanding of what it means to be brothers and sisters in Christ. According to Greg Van Dunk, pastor of All People's Church in Milwaukee:

"In partnership with All People's, St. John's/Brookfield suburban members celebrate vibrant ministry in Christ with a multi-cultural congregation in Milwaukee. The vitality of Christ's abundant ministry in the midst of lower income people brings a fullness of faith and the work of the Holy spirit unattainable within the

comfortable walls of any local congregation. Truly, as Henri Nouwen has said, the best part of mission partnership is the 'reverse partnership,'

experienced as God's Spirit returns to witness the joy shared in the work of Christ."



Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

Prayer Connections for February, 1997

MISSION PARTNERS

- ▶ Pray for the 35 "Kids Working to Succeed" at All People's Church/Milwaukee this summer.
- ▶ Pray for Annie Katherine, Mable Beamon, and those leading the women's HUG (Healing, Understanding, and Growth) Ministry at All People's/Milwaukee.
- ▶ Pray for Debbie and Bob Adams, St. John's/Brookfield, partner tutors and All People's/Milwaukee's Kids Alive.
- ▶ Pray for Deb Krueger, outreach chairperson, as she grows in her ministry to those who need to hear the good news.
- ▶ Pray for Marge Rasmussen as she directs the Faith Alive after-school tutoring program at Faith Lutheran Church/Milwaukee.
- ▶ Pray for Jean Miller, the neighborhood minister at Reformation, for her community outreach.
- ▶ Pray for the Outreach Cadre which meets monthly at North Side Strategy congregations.
- ▶ Pray for children and faculty at Parkman Middle School, and for teens at Washington High School, partner schools with Reformation.
- ▶ Pray for Joy True (Good Shepherd/Milwaukee) and Vicki Simonsmeim (Pentecost/Milwaukee) for their strong local lay leadership and concern for the world.
- ▶ Pray for Donzella, Bruce, Frank, Nellie, Mike, Ellie, Denise, and Diane, who carry out the Food Pantry ministry at St. Peter's/Milwaukee.
- ▶ Pray for Kathie, Pat, and Gladys as they work with neighborhood children in St. Peter's/Milwaukee's Education Night.
- ▶ Pray for members of Pentecost/Milwaukee to embrace our gay sisters and brothers by becoming a "Reconciled in Christ" congregation.
- ▶ Pray for Jewish sisters and brothers that their community of faith in Sherman Park remains strong and spirit-filled.
- ▶ Pray for the people of Florist Avenue Lutheran Church/Milwaukee as they work to share Christ with the people of North Milwaukee.
- ▶ Pray for Good Shepherd/Milwaukee and the summer music camp at 45th and Nash.

- ▶ Pray for Rev. Mary Martha Kannass, Hephatha Lutheran Church/Milwaukee, and Tuesday Praise.
- ▶ Pray for Director Tom Shaffer and the Careers Development Ministry of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.
- ▶ Pray for Dana Lee Ommen, Lutheran Corp. worker at All People's Church/Milwaukee, and for LVC'ers throughout the Milwaukee area.
- ▶ Pray for the Agape Food Ministry at Florist Avenue Lutheran Church/Milwaukee.
- ▶ Pray for the Peer Ministers of Reformation Lutheran Church/Milwaukee, including Joe and Tee.
- ▶ Pray for Pastor Rick Deines and the North Side Strategy, working to strengthen neighborhood ministry in the city of Milwaukee.
- ▶ Pray for "Reconciled in Christ" congregations, that all people might be welcomed in Christ.

Prayer Petitions for Sundays

February 2:

We pray for the Greater Milwaukee Synod Outreach Fund, that abundant resources be raised for ministry with the poor in our synod. May we strengthen churches which reach, disciple, and empower the poor in Jesus Christ.

February 9:

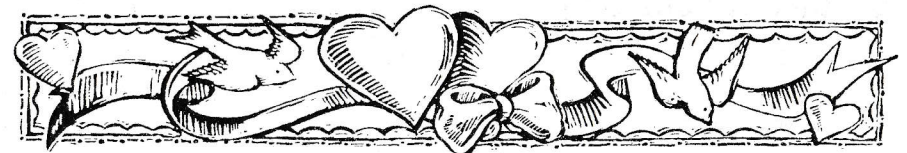
We pray for kids working in the Youth Work Ministry through the center city churches of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

February 16:

Today we celebrate the ministry of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church/Waukesha, and Pastor Larry Harpster. Due to the support of the Greater Milwaukee Synod and Mission Partners, St. Andrew's redeveloped and has grown dramatically.

February 23:

We pray for Horizon Interns serving in urban ministry throughout the country and in Milwaukee at Cross, Reformation, and Incarnation Lutheran churches.



Elsewhere in Our Area

Stoughton High Norse Dance at Prairie School

by Betty Barth

The Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers will perform on Sunday, March 9, 1997, at the Prairie School Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. They will be sponsored by Nordlyset Lodge 183 Sons of Norway. Scandinavian bakery will also be available.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Contact Betty Barth if you are interested in tickets (639-7894).

RIC Hosts Lending Summit

The Racine Interfaith Coalition (RIC) invites you to the Partners in Affordable Lending Summit at Greater Mount Eagle Baptist Church on Saturday, February 8. The summit will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the this event is to help potential home owners understand the purchase and mortgage process and will include special programs promoting home ownership within our community. All of our lending partners will be on hand to provide materials, answer questions and conduct educational sessions.

Greater Mount Eagle Baptist Church is located at 929 State Street. For information from RIC, call 635-9532.

Wustum Exhibition Opens February 23

On February 23, 1997, the Charles A. Wustum Museum, 2519



Northwestern Avenue in Racine, will host an opening from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for "In the Beginning Was the Word," "Narrative Works from the Permanent Collection," and "Selections from the Artists' Book Collection." The three shows will be of special interest to people who love books, words, and art. The exhibition will run through April 20. For additional information, call 636-9177.

Riggle Leads Grief Presentation at Siena Center

Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, will sponsor a day with Carthage College religion professor Dr. Dudley Riggle on Saturday, February 22. The goal of the seminar will be to help us better understand the many thoughts, feelings and reactions we have when we grieve, and to point to some practical ways we can help ourselves and others when we experience loss.

The deadline to register is February 14. A registration fee of \$5.00 is due at that time; the total fee of \$20.00 includes a noon meal. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Sister Rita Lui at 639-4100 for further information.

Pastor Mary's Column

The Greatest of These Is Love

During the current Hallmark season of red and pink hearts, carnations and roses and rich chocolates, more often than not the word "Love" becomes trivialized and misunderstood. Often it is a time of trying to recapture the "bells and whistles" of the early stages of "falling in love." There seems to be such a need to wrap ourselves in the warm, fuzzy blanket of sentimentality to feel good—even if for a fleeting moment.

While Hallmark has worked hard (and made millions of dollars in the process) at keeping that notion of "love" before us, how have we as a church been doing? Do we *honestly* believe in the true power and depth of God's extraordinary love for us?

Recently I read,

HATE AND RAGE
ARE FOUR LETTER WORDS.

SO ARE

HOPE AND LOVE.

Do we believe that the *only* way that those four-letter words of hate and rage can be transformed are by hope and love—and not by yet more hate and rage? Do we take to heart that verse we first learned in Sunday School that talks of God's life-giving love for us?

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Love that transforms and brings new life—that's what Christianity is all about. Yet, how often we set aside the great commandment to love our neighbors (and yes, *even* our enemies!) because of hate or rage or mere indifference.

In a sermon preached in 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr. said that he was happy Jesus had not said, "Like your enemies," because there were some people that "I find pretty difficult to like... I can't like anybody who would bomb my home. I can't like anybody who would trample over me with injustices. I can't like them. I can't like anybody who threatens to kill me day in and day out."

But he could love them, he said. He was convinced that love, and not rage and hate, would be the only thing capable of appealing to the heart and conscience of the enemy. And then he added, "Hate is injurious to the hater as well as the hated. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

As we enter this Lenten season, we are aware once again that we have not loved the Lord our God with all our hearts, that we have not loved our neighbors and that we have not love our enemies. We, who claim to be a people of love, have fallen short. And so we gather in worship on February 12 to confess our brokenness. We come together on Ash Wednesday to confess that we have not embodied God's love in all that we do. And, as we begin our Lenten journey, we hear again how God's love breaks into our lives, bringing us the word of hope we are so hungry for.

May God's Spirit of love transform us in new ways during this Lenten season. I hope to see you in church! Let's be a part of this journey together.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mary

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT EMMAUS

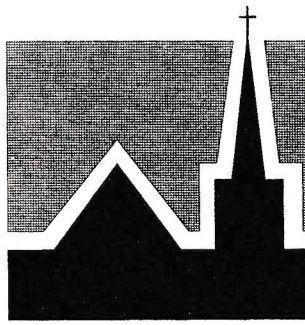
Wednesday, February 12 ♦ ***12:15 p.m.***
♦ ***7:00 p.m.***

***Midweek Lenten services will be held
Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at
6:40 p.m. beginning February 18 and 19.***



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Midweek Lenten Worship at Emmaus

Tuesday Noon Lenten Worship Series

12:15 p.m.

"God's Love Breaks Through"

March 4 "When Human Strength Cannot Avail"

March 11 "When Other Answers Fail"

March 18 "Where Lives Are Broken"

Lunch is served in Fellowship Hall at 11:30.

Cost is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children.

Wednesday Night Lenten Devotions

6:40 p.m.

"The Bad and the Good"

March 5 "Sorrow and Joy"

March 12 "Dirty and Clean"

March 19 "Absent but Present"

Supper is served in Fellowship Hall at 5:00.

*Cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children,
\$8.00 max. for families.*

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday March 23

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday March 27

with Holy Communion
12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday March 28

12:15 pm

No Saturday Worship Service

Tenebrae Service of Shadows at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 30

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

Festival Service with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM:

Collin David Christman, Feb. 9

Collin was born October 14 to Gary and Kathy Christman. His sponsors are Ronald Christman, Kimberly Hess, and Patricia Spang.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Esther Carlsen Hansen, widow of the late Rev. Thorvald Hansen. She passed away February 7 in Blair, Nebraska at the age of 81. Esther served as a registered nurse in Racine during the time that Rev. Hansen was pastor of Emmaus, from 1955 to 1969.

Holy Week Services

Emmaus to Celebrate Easter at 7 and 10 a.m.

Holy Week at Emmaus begins on March 23, the Sunday of the Passion. Worship services at 8:00 and 10:30 will start with the traditional procession of palms into the church, commemorating Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The liturgy will then lead us through the events of that first Holy Week, culminating in Jesus' crucifixion on Golgotha.

Maudy Thursday

Maudy Thursday services on March 27 will begin at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. Both services will include the sacrament of Holy Communion; the evening service will conclude with the stripping of the altar as we prepare for Good Friday.



Good Friday

Good Friday, March 28, we will again experience the crucifixion through song and word. An early worship service will be held at 12:15. 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 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.

KFC Nuggets & BIC News

Youth and Family Swim Party Slated for March 9

by Pat Liesch and Cindi Larsen

The Youth Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Youth and Family Swim Party on Sunday, March 9. The event will be held at the YMCA, 725 Lake Avenue. Meet at the YMCA at 3:30 p.m. in the Pan Room.

We will have use of a room for our coats and valuables. We can change and swim from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Then we'll return to our room for pizza and soda. Bring your friends, swim suits and towels!

Children under six must be accompanied in the pool by an adult. No flotation devices or rings are allowed. Costs for individuals and guests are \$5.00, for swimming, pizza and soda. Families are \$12.00.

We should be through around 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

If you have questions, please contact Chris Olson (634-2582) or Cindi Larsen (681-0282).

Thanks!

The KFC and BIC Youth Groups would like to thank the



congregation once again for its support of our Super Bowl Sunday sub sandwiches. Approximately \$90.00 was raised

through the purchase of sub sandwiches and some donations. Thanks!

Easter Breakfast

Youth in grades six through twelve should meet at church on Saturday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. to prepare egg casseroles for the Easter brunch and set up the tables. Parents, please send one dozen muffins along with your child, to be served on Sunday. Thanks!

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

David Lasko	March 2
Mary Ustymowicz	March 6
Kristen Andersen	March 10
Craig Moore	March 22
Eric Moore	March 22
John Knuteson	March 23
Brad Falaschi	March 24

Vacation Bible School Staff Needed

Mark your calendars for the 1997 Vacation Bible School for August 4-8. 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 Mary if you are interested.

First Communion Classes Offered

A series of three classes dealing with the topic of the sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered for all fifth graders and their parents, as well as to anyone else who is older but has not yet attended these sessions. The classes, to be held in the Sunset Room, will introduce the Old and New Testament texts that are the basis for

this sacrament, as well as to study the liturgy of Holy Communion as found in *The Lutheran Book of Worship*.

Classes are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on the following Tuesday evenings: March 4, 11 & 18. First Communion will be Sunday, May 4, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Register for Early Communion by March 23

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 May at the 10:30 worship service. Parents wishing to have their children younger than fifth grade take first communion on May 4 need to register your intentions by March



23. 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.

7th Graders Affirm Baptism Vows

Nine members of the seventh grade class at Emmaus completed a study on baptism last month. At the 10:30 service Sunday morning, February 23, they affirmed the vows made at their baptisms:

Kristen Clinton	Steven Furuglyas	Katy Naughton
Rebecca Fiebig	Rebecca Gottfredsen	Katherine Sanders
Christopher Friis	Nicole Maryland	Alyssa Yorgan

Erin Svoboda Takes First Communion

Erin Svoboda has completed a program of studies on the sacrament of Holy Communion last month and will

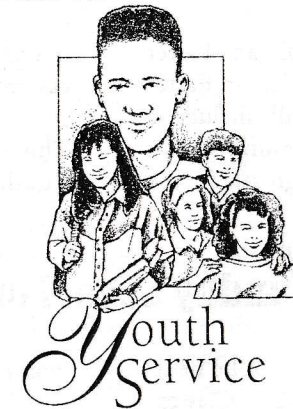
celebrate her first communion on Sunday, March 2.

Worship & Music Committee Thanks Youth Sunday Leaders

by Kathy Christensen

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Youth Service on February 16. It was a most meaningful and inspirational service for those of us who were privileged to worship that day. We are blessed to have so many young people who are willing to share their gifts with their church family. I hope we will be seeing and hearing from them often. The adults who helped plan and organize the service are also appreciated for their caring and giving of their time to work with our youth.

Worship leaders, musicians and



others helping with the service included Ryan and Chris Sedgwick, Nicole Larsen, Ken and Eric Larsen, Justin and Erin Svoboda, Erin Tussler, Becky Fiebig, Nathan Albright, Alyssa Yorgan, Danielle Papol, Melissa, Melanie and Jennifer Olson, David Rudey, Adam and Jonathan Pechman, Alex Gueldenzoopf, Ryan Clinton, Derek Haug, Adam Schultz, Matt and P.J. Liesch, Brad and Sam Falaschi, Destiny Rodriguez, and Lynda Ustymowicz. David Christensen advised the participants in the dramatic presentation. Thank you all!

EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	1995: 184	1996: 168	1997: 152
Average weekly attendance, Feb.:	1995: 205	1996: 190	1997: 183
Average weekly attendance, March:	1995: 208	1996: 227	

Financial Statistics

	Needed for budget	Actual
Genl. Fund offerings received in Jan.	\$15,337.00	\$15,644.90
Genl. Fund offerings received in Feb.	\$15,337.00	\$11,996.20
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Jan.	\$1,927.00	\$1,362.00
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Feb.	\$1,927.00	\$287.00
Other designated gifts received in Jan.		\$467.00
Other designated gifts received in Feb.		\$278.75
Mortgage payments: Jan. principal		\$457.92
Jan. interest		\$1,469.08
Total		\$1,927.00

Wednesday Eve Activities Take Break

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on March 26 or

April 2, Holy Week and the week after Easter.

How Do You Like Your Eggs?

Please join us for an Easter brunch after Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. The menu will include a variety of egg casseroles, muffins, fruit and beverage. Please sign up in the

narthex to indicate your choice of casseroles.

A free-will offering will be taken. This event is being sponsored by the Youth Ministry Committee.

Sunday School Bulletins

No Sunday School on Easter

Sunday School will not be held on Easter Sunday, March 30. Classes

will resume on April 6.

News of Our Members

Sharon Lasko Assigned to Sheppard AFB

Airman Sharon Lasko has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, as a medical service apprentice. Sharon graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. A 1995 graduate of Horlick High School, Sharon is the daughter of Gary and Diane Lasko.

commitment to excellence in high school, based on academics, athletics, and school and community service.

Ben is a senior at Case High School. He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison in the fall.

Ben Field Named to High School Who's Who

Ben Field has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Students selected are selected for this honor for their



Harvey Thorson Celebrates Centennial

Harvey Thorson celebrated his 100th birthday on Thursday, February 27. He and his wife, Katherine, have been married for 68 years.

ELCA Churches Welcome "Secret Visitors"

How does a first-time visitor *really* feel at Emmaus? Are we as friendly and helpful and welcoming as we claim to be or would like to be?

Through our participation (along with about a dozen ELCA churches in the "Secret Visitor" program), we hope to learn more about how we are really perceived by those who visit our church for the first time.

The program, organized by Pastor Walter Hermanns of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, is an outgrowth of an idea sparked at last fall's Caring Evangelism classes. In those sessions, members of Emmaus joined participants from several other Lutheran church as to consider how it is that we best listen to and tell our stories and how the gospel story intersects those individual stories. Role plays were done to show what it's like to include and exclude those who might be strangers in our midst. For example, have you ever been the "outsider" during a coffee hour conversation or as folks enter or leave church? What does that say to you about that particular community of faith? On the other hand, how

comfortable are you in greeting someone you don't know?

In the Secret Visitor program, Emmaus will be assessed by at least two trained visitors from another congregation who will come to visit us during a worship service. On March 14, two members of our deacons' committee will also be trained to visit one of the other participating congregations. They will be on the lookout for all those little details that help to make a church one that welcomes strangers. This is truly a cooperative effort where we as Lutheran congregations in Racine are helping each other to see what we might not otherwise be able to discern on our own.

Let's make it a point to reach out to *all* visitors — Who knows? Maybe that stranger may not be a secret visitor after all, but one who is truly seeking a place to belong. Will that place be Emmaus? It's up to *all* of us to help make that happen.

We pray that God's Spirit touch all those who are seeking a church home and that *all* who enter our doors will be welcomed in Christ's name.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">♣ coffee♣ eggs♣ left-over chicken or turkey for soup♣ casseroles for an assigned evening (see Pat Liesch)♣ frozen ground beef, shredded cheddar cheese♣ canned juice, cooking oil/spray, paper goods (plates, bowls, napkins)♣ lunch bags♣ plastic sandwich bags♣ toiletries (esp. toothpaste and spray deodorant to share)♣ bus tokens or money for them♣ and especially <i>volunteers!</i> | <h2>Items REST Can Use</h2> |
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Non-perishable items marked for REST can be left in the church office any time. Contact Pat Liesch at 835-1363. Thank you!

Church Council Hopes to Retire Debt for Sesquicentennial

At the January 13 meeting of your church council, Amy Larsen reported that thanks to the council's determination to "first fruits" giving in the final two months of 1996, we were nearly able to meet budgeted commitments to benevolence giving. Emmaus was able to catch up from being eight months behind in benevolence giving in October to being only two months behind at the end of the year.



Much of the meeting was spent preparing the 1997 budget which was submitted to the congregation at the January 19 Annual Meeting. The council authorized the executive committee to sell off some designated securities, and asked Council President Cathy Knuteson to appoint a steering committee to plan a Capital Fund Drive. The goal of the drive will be to retire Emmaus' mortgage by the church's 150th anniversary in 2001.

Bill Irvine reported that the Building and Grounds Committee has set May 10 as the date for our annual Spring Clean-up. In case of rain, the clean-up will be postponed to May 17.

Much of the February 10 council

meeting was devoted to determining strategies to use Emmaus' strengths to meet the goals of the congregation and to see to the church's needs. Council members included among the strengths of Emmaus:

- ▶ a strong supportive network
- ▶ abundant potential talent
- ▶ strong social ministry
- ▶ strong core congregation
- ▶ rich worship experience
- ▶ physical space.

On the other hand, council members believe that Emmaus needs to increase participation, especially by whole families, in worship. Membership, the coffee hour, youth programs, adult education, communication with our neighborhood, and leaders from within the congregation were also included among items that need to be developed.

Bethesda Hosts Ministry Workshop

Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc., based in Watertown, Wisconsin, is offering an Arts in special Ministry workshop on Saturday, April 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Home, 700 Hoffmann Drive, Watertown. The cost of the workshop is \$15., which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and all materials. If you would like more information or would like to register, please call 1-800-369-4636, extension 418.

Council OK's Kitchen Renovation

Plans are underway to begin the renovation of the northwest end of the kitchen and the adjoining storage closet to ready the area for the installation of a commercial dishwasher and garbage disposal.

In a unanimous decision at the February church council meeting, the first major stage of the project was approved. The quote of Tom Ludvigsen of Hearthside Homes, totaling \$23,417.06, was accepted as modified. Designated monies available for the project total approximately \$23,000, and only the work for which we already have funds will be completed at this time.

Among those items included in this phase of the project are: removal of block wall between kitchen and storage area; removal of existing stack in block wall and rerouting it; plumbing for sink, disposal, dishwasher and drains; lower ceiling and install new lighting in what is now the storage area; wiring for dishwasher, exhaust fans, water heater, along with new circuits; installation of stainless table with built-in sink.

The next phase of the project will include the purchase of the

dishwasher (\$3,517.00), a disposal (\$700 has already been contributed by AAL), and electric water heater, along with any miscellaneous expenses necessary to complete the project.

The existing funds for the project are:	
\$17,265.00	Designated memorials and gifts for kitchen renovation and dishwasher
\$2,374.00	Project money designated by WELCA
\$3,300.00	Approximate surplus of insurance money after flatware has been replaced (approved by council for use on this project)
\$22,939.00	Total

Being postponed for the time being are all ceramic work, the building and installation of kitchen cabinet storage racks and the replacement of the existing kitchen lighting. Those items were included in the original bid of \$31,863.96, but have been subtracted to realize a savings of \$8,446.90.

Should anyone have questions regarding the kitchen project, they may be directed to Cheryl Dexter or Pastor Mary. Additional designated gifts are more than welcome and should be earmarked "Kitchen/Dishwasher."

Ludvigsen hopes to begin Phase I of the renovation in mid-March.

Lincoln Lutheran Needs Volunteers

Lincoln Lutheran Home on Prospect Street needs volunteers who can get residents from their rooms and take them to appointments with

dentists and podiatrists in the building. If you can help, please call Cheryl Erdmann at 633-0500, extension 147.

Parish Nurse Corner

Fat, Cholesterol Contribute to Heart Attack Risk

by Carol Eschmann, RN

Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in our country. Studies show that people who eat foods high in cholesterol and saturated fats have cholesterol levels significantly higher than normal. Most people with high blood cholesterol can reduce their risk of heart attack by following a cholesterol-lowering diet. Informed, healthy choices can reverse the effects of heart disease. Here are some daily eating habit modifications that will help you shop smarter and eat healthier:

1.) **Control your intake of cholesterol-rich foods.** Use as many egg whites as you want, but limit yourself to three of four yolks a week (including those used for cooking and baking).

2.) **Control the amount and type of fat you eat.** Eat lean meat, fish, and poultry, limiting yourself to six ounces a day (trim the fat). Substitute vegetable proteins, such as beans and peas, for animal proteins whenever you can. Avoid fried foods whenever possible and use alternative cooking methods such as broiling or roasting. Limit the amount of fatty meats (sausages, luncheon meats) and cheeses you eat. Use liquid vegetable oils and margarine low in saturated fat



instead of butter or other solid cooking fats. Use skim or low-fat milk instead of whole milk. Also watch out for rich desserts or recipes that are cream or cheese based.

The church season of Lent is a time of reflection on our lives as we seek to lead them in a God-pleasing way. If some of these diet changes seem hard for you, remember the sacrifice our Lord and Savior made for us. May your Lenten walk be blessed as we look forward to the Joys of Easter.

If you have needs you wish to share, I am available through your church office, or through my voice mail at

635-7588, extension 320.

Racine Symphony Performs Brahms Requiem

The Racine Symphony Orchestra and the Racine Symphonic Chorus, conducted by Alexander Platt, will give two performances of Brahms' *A German Requiem*, March 8, 7:30 p.m., and March 9, 3:00 p.m. at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, at the west end of Sixth Street in Racine. Wendy Hill and Greg Berg will perform the solos. Tickets are \$13, \$11 for seniors, or \$1 for children age 8 to 18. For tickets or further information, call 414/636-9285.

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Acting Directors: Pastors Mary & Paul

Center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee; programs begin at 10:30.

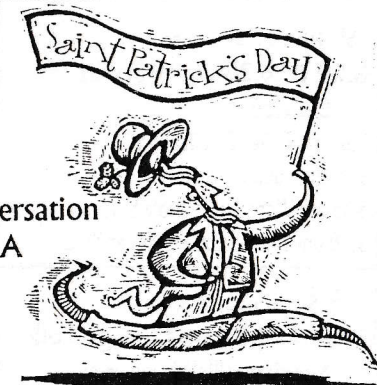
Programs for March:

March 4 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - Rev. Jim Peters, Emmanuel Lutheran Church: slides and stories about Tanzania
11:30 am - Lunch
12:15 pm - Lenten service
1:00 pm - Social activities

March 11 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - Al Beck
11:30 am - Lunch
12:15 pm - Lenten service
1:00 pm - Social activities

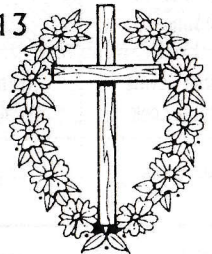


March 19 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - PROGRAM TBA
11:30 am - Lunch
12:15 pm - Lenten service
1:00 pm - Social activities

March 25 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - PROGRAM TBA
12:00 pm - Birthday lunch (no Lenten service)
1:00 pm - Social Activities



MARCH BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND OVER

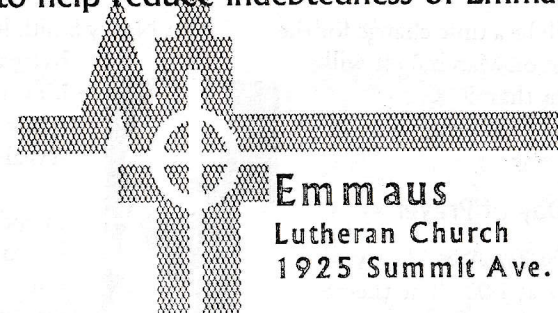
3/4	Bev Hansen	240 Eighty-Eighth Ave., Sturtevant	53177
3/6	William Allen	4314 Taylor Avenue	53405
3/7	Eileen Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404
3/9	Carolyn Weitzel	1519 60th Street, Kenosha	53140
3/14	Selma Sorensen	3910 River Drive	53405
3/16	Virginia Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
3/21	Lillian Henrickson	2250 Layard Avenue #319	53404

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March, 1997		Emmanuel Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 Phone 414 634-5515		WEDNESDAY 5:00-6:15 pm ♣ Supper EVENING 6:00-6:30 pm ♣ Kids' Activity Time ACTIVITIES 6:40-7:00 pm ♣ "Kid-friendly" worship time, Sunset Room (no Activities Mar. 26) 7:00-8:15 pm ♣ Adult Choir practice		1 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
2 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Forum	3 11:00 am Staff mtg. 4:00 pm WELCA Bible study 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	4 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 12:15 pm Worship Service 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm 5th Grade Communion Class 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Atonement	5 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Fran Burdick's 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES 6:40 pm Worship service	6 7:00 pm Word Alive! Bible Study 7:00 pm Stamp Club	7 6:30 pm REST	8 9:30 am WELCA Lenten breakfast 5:00 pm Worship Service 6:30-10:30 pm Rock Concert
Pastor Mary on jury duty, March 3 - 7						
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 HOLY WEEK 						
30 Easter Sunday 7:00am Sunrise Service w/HC 8:15 am Breakfast in Festival Hall 10:00am Festival Service w/HC	31 <i>Office closed</i>	APRIL 1 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Redeemer	2 1:30 pm Rebecca, Mary Circles NO WEDNESDAY EVE. ACTIVITIES	3 5:00 pm Community Meal, St. Patrick's 6:30 pm ♀ Retreat Cmte.	4 6:30 pm REST	5 5:00 pm Worship Service with H. C.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Mar. 1 5:00 pm		Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter		
Mar. 2 8:00 am	Kevin Meteyard Michael Yust	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen	Team #3 Harold Miller	Eileen Olson
Mar. 2 10:30 am	Matt Leisch P.J. Leisch	Maurice Felton Anne Felton	Team 8 Bill Meteyard	Gregg Albright
Mar. 9 8:00 am	Katie Sanders Nicole Larsen		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Al Svendsen
Mar. 9 10:30 am	Rebecca Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Margaret Christensen
Mar. 15 5:00 pm		Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen		
Mar. 16 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Sharon Devine Cynthia Cook	Team #7 John Cook	Karen Sedgwick
Mar. 16 10:30 am	Amanda Lawler Kristen Andersen	Pat Jensen Julie Field	Team #2	Kathy Christensen
Mar. 23 8:00 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	
Mar. 23 10:30 am	Jon Pechman Eric Van Berg		Team #4 Rich Christensen	
Mar. 27 12:15 pm		Arvilla Nemer Margaret Christensen		
Mar. 27 7:00 pm	Chris Sedgwick P.J. Liesch	Marge Jensen Sandy Zeleski	Team #3 Harold Miller	
Mar. 28 12:15			Team #6 Jensen	
Mar. 28 7 pm	Ellie Reischl, Tom Pie		TBA	
Mar. 30 7:00 am	Ken Larsen, Brad Falaschi, Nicole Larsen, Katie Sanders	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Sandy Strini
Mar. 30 10:00 am	Kevin Meteyard, Alex Gueldenzopf, Nate Pearson, Michael Yust Tom Pie	Marion Andersen Ginny Dougall	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Kylee Albright

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: _____

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In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

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Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: 414/634-5515

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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Lenten Breakfast Time Pushed Back

by Myra Nielsen

There will be a time change for the Lenten Breakfast on March 8. It will be at 9:30 rather than 9:00.

A free will offering will be taken.

World Day of Prayer

Join us for The World Day of Prayer, March 7 at 1:00. The theme is "Like a Seed Which Grows into a Tree." At Christ Church United Methodist, 5109 Washington Avenue.

Help the Church Library

For anyone who shops at Commitments: ask for their "church library builder" card. Each purchase gets stamped, and when the card is full, it may be redeemed for \$5.00 in merchandise.

We'd like to encourage members to use that \$5.00 towards the purchase of books for Emmaus' church library.

April Retreat

Have you heard the good news? The fourth annual Women's Retreat is scheduled for Friday night and Saturday, April 18 and 19 (the date in the February



Visitor was incorrect), at Siena Center. We are happy to announce that Nancy Smith has agreed to be the Retreat Leader. Cathy Meyer will lead the music. Secret pals will be revealed at the retreat.

First mark your calendar, and then ask a friend to attend with you. The cost for the retreat is \$44.00. If you are only able to attend Saturday, the cost is \$22.00. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more

information.

Cluster Spring Brunch

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725 High Street, will host the Racine Women of the ELCA Spring Brunch on Saturday morning, April 12. This year's program is "Sing to the Lord a New Song."

Thanks!

Thanks to Karen Nelson for making Lenten breakfast and bake sale posters!

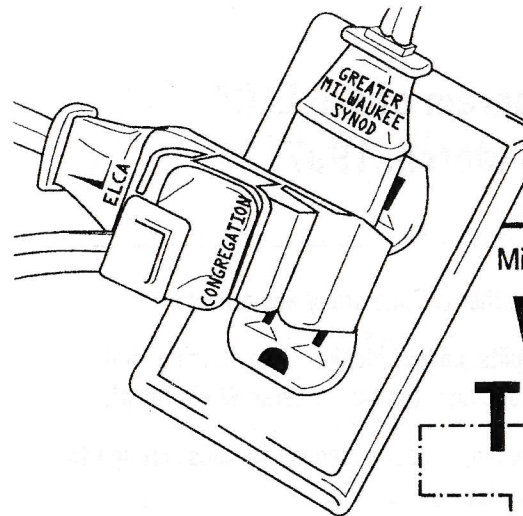
ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH

The following persons have signed up for Altar Flowers in March:

- March 2 Boots LeRoux
- March 9 John & Meta Haanstad
- March 16 Joy Kousek
- March 23 Al & Jan Svendsen

There are still a few Sundays

available in November and December to sign up to give altar flowers. The cost is \$15.00.



Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

We Are Connected

WOMEN OF THE ELCA...

Are Life-Changing

Linking Women for Mission Through: Community, Growth, Action

Women of the ELCA is a vast and supportive network of women who together step through the wide door to effective mission work. Participants engage regularly in Bible study, prayer and action that supports the growth of women and the mission of the church.

Women of the ELCA encourages women to see themselves and others as created, valued and redeemed by God; supports them in their spiritual growth through program resources and events and equips them for leadership in church and society.

Leadership events help women to grow in their personal ministries, as well as establish and support links with women around the world.

The organization encourages women to act upon their faith cross-culturally, ecumenically, globally, and in family and personal relationships. It links women together in evangelism, service, stewardship, and work for peace and justice.

Women of the ELCA leads the church in literacy work, identifies issues of concern to women, advocates on behalf of women and children in poverty, and encourages proactive care for creation. The organization produces Bible studies, educational resources, and a magazine, *Lutheran Woman Today*.



As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Participants (in Women of the ELCA) commit themselves to grow in faith, affirm their gifts, support one another in their callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

Prayer Connections for March, 1997

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

- ▶ Bless the women who faithfully gather in Bible study and prayer.
- ▶ Bless all the women who make quilts, collect blankets and clothing, and assemble health kits, school kits and layettes for Lutheran World Relief.
- ▶ We thank you for the women who nurture our extended families through their prayers, phone calls, greetings and family reunions.
- ▶ Bless the women who tutor men and women to help them improve their reading and writing skills.
- ▶ We remember our blessings as we share our Thankofferings with those less fortunate.
- ▶ We give thanks today for the opportunity to gather with women of other churches in our community to participate in the World Day of Prayer.
- ▶ Bless Mary Campbell and her efforts to help the people of our sister synod in El Salvador.
- ▶ Bless Borgne McClelland and all the other women who serve our church-wide organization. Thank you for the gifts of those who write for the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine.
- ▶ Pray for the women who take their faith into the workplace and into other organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Project Equality.
- ▶ We give thanks for the care givers of the very young and the elderly as they perform the day-to-day tasks so necessary. Give them strength and compassion.
- ▶ Pray for the safety of women who do law enforcement work.
- ▶ Pray for Pastor Sandy Roberts and her ministry to jail inmates.
- ▶ Bless Irene Lewis and her efforts to build bridges of understanding between women of diverse ethnic backgrounds.
- ▶ Pray for the social workers and others who help women and children who live

in poverty.

- ▶ Bless the women who teach Sunday Church School and Vacation Bible School and work in any area of youth ministry.
- ▶ Bless the women who serve as choir members, organists, choir directors and church librarians.
- ▶ Pray for the spouses and family members of our clergy. Remember to give them love and support as they deal with everyday life.
- ▶ We offer our thanks for Vicki Siefert of Atonement Lutheran Church in Racine, and pray that you shower blessings upon her for her loving leadership and devoted service.
- ▶ We thank you for Lois Moriarity and all other artists who share their talents with the church.
- ▶ Pray for the graduating women students of our seminaries. Give them patience and courage as they enter the ministry as pastors, or associates in ministry. We give thanks also for the deaconesses that serve our churches.
- ▶ Pray for the families of today who are faced with problems more complex than ever before. Help the mothers and the fathers of our family units to be strong and flexible.
- ▶ Help us always to keep the lines of communication open between all women of the church. Give us understanding to promote a oneness in our mission to fill the needs of those who are in despair and turmoil.
- ▶ Bless the women who prepare and serve meals in soup kitchens and those who work at women's shelters, food pantries and shelters for the homeless.
- ▶ Bless the women of our churches who care for the sick and the dying. Pray for our parish nurses who bring special gifts of healing and comfort to people of all ages.
- ▶ We thank you for the blessings that Southside Redeemer of Milwaukee has been able to bestow upon the community with their food ministry and youth work program.
- ▶ We thank you for the opportunities to gather in retreats and conventions that we might grow in our faith, experience the fellowship of our sisters in Christ, and receive strength to engage in ministry and action.

LWR Clothing Drive Raises 579,190 Lbs.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) reports that Wisconsin and Upper Michigan congregations contributed 579,190 pounds of clothing during the 1996 clothing drive. Of that, 17,300 lbs. came from Racine and Kenosha churches. Wisconsin and Upper

Michigan churches also raised \$43,000 for blankets and shipping costs.

Plans to collect school kits, health kits, sewing kits, soap, quilts, blankets, layettes and clothing for the 1997 drive will be announced in the fall.

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of January 31, 1997

Number of people served:	298
Amount of money received:	\$1,907.50
from Trinity United Methodist	\$1,854.50
from Second Presbyterian	\$53.00
Amount of money spent:	\$724.36
Checkbook balance:	\$2,806.21
—Mary Haas	
Food Pantry Coordinator — 639-5149	



Letters

Gifts Aid Relief and Self-Help Programs

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your generous year-end support of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Your gift, combined with the gifts of others, has enabled us to support relief and self-help programs in more than seventy countries, including the U.S.A. Because of what you have done, many people will survive and have hope in 1997.

In 1996, agencies we support, like Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran World Federation, were able to use your gifts to give emergency disaster help in places like Liberia, Burundi, India, Chechnya, Sudan, Angola, Rwanda, China, Gaza, Costa

Rica, Zaïre, and many other places.

More important, those same agencies continue to promote self-help programs like agricultural development, safe water supplies, micro enterprises, literacy training, health care (including family planning) and assistance with education and the environment. Peace-making and landmine awareness and removal will continue to be strong emphases in 1997.

Many thanks!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Roger O. Livdahl
 Dir., ELCA World Hunger &
 Disaster Appeals



ELCA Domestic DISASTER Response

February 7, 1997

WINTER STORMS UPDATE: Severe winter weather affects several areas

Upper Midwestern States

Record snowstorms have affected Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota since the middle of November. Extreme cold with very high winds resulting in drifts of up to 14 feet have kept many people (especially the elderly) confined to their homes. Church officials report that isolation has caused depression and increased family abuse. Tens of thousands of cattle have died, causing severe hardships for already economically stressed ranchers and farmers. The difficulty in delivery and higher cost of heating fuels have worked great hardship on low-income people, including those on several Indian reservations. **Many fear that spring melting of the massive amount of snow will create widespread flooding of homes and farmland.**

Pacific Western States

Record Christmas snows paralyzed the Pacific Northwest followed by massive rains in northern California, Nevada and Idaho. These rains flooded businesses, thousands of homes and tens of thousands of acres of farmland. Mudslides have inundated roads, homes and buildings.

ELCA Responds

Through our network of social ministry organizations, LSS's of Northern California, Washington and Idaho, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response has granted emergency funds and provided disaster response consultants to help plan local response. Our ability to help depends on the response of our members and friends.

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

Your undesignated
**"ELCA Domestic
 Disaster Response"**
 gift helps us respond
 where need is greatest.

YES! Send my help:

- Where most needed
 To winter storm victims

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State, Zip _____

GIVE THROUGH YOUR CONGREGATION or send directly to ELCA
 Domestic Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764

Elsewhere In Our Area

It's Time to Register Kids for Kindergarten

Parents of children eligible for kindergarten in September of 1997 are asked to register them with the Racine Unified School District on Tuesday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children should be registered at the school which they will attend in the fall. Parents who have questions as to which school their child will attend may call 631-7063.

To be eligible, children must be five years old before September 1, 1997. Parents will need to bring the child's birth certificate or baptismal papers with you. It is not necessary to bring the child.

(Please note: Emmaus does not keep additional copies of the baptismal certificates given to parents of baptized children. We do, however, keep a

register of all baptisms and can supply a photocopy of the page which includes the record of your child's baptism.)

LSTC Holds Open House

Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago invites anyone who wants to explore a career in the church and who desires to experience what seminary life is all about to join them for *Centered In the Gospel - Open to the World* March 13-16. You may join them for all or for part of the weekend.

Saturday sessions will address the particular concerns of commuter, second career, and full-time employed students. Contact LSTC at 1-800-635-1116, extension 726.

Local Preschools Open Registration for Fall

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Cooperative Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 1997-98 school year. Attending LCR Preschool gives children the opportunity to develop new skills in an enriched, welcoming environment designed especially for 2½-5 year olds.

Join us Sunday, March 2, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for our annual Open House and Carnival. Families with Preschool age children are invited to visit the Preschool, meet the teachers, and register for fall classes. Admission is free to the carnival and will feature Giggles the Clown and Magic by Simonsen & Co. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

For more information about

LCR Preschool's Open House or registrations, please contact Jeanne Kirchner at 633-4300.

Emmanuel Lutheran

Here on the north side, Emmanuel Lutheran Church's "The Growing Place" Day Care Center and "Little Lamb Nursery School" are holding their open house from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 2. Openings are available now and for early enrollment for fall.

The Growing Place is for children aged 2½-7, while Little Lamb classes are specifically for 3- and 4-year-olds. Emmanuel is located at 725 High Street; call 637-8343 for information.

Pastor Paul's Column

A Faith Worth Sharing

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

There's an old joke that goes like this:

*What do you get when you cross a Lutheran with a Jehovah's Witness?
Answer: Someone who knocks on doors and doesn't say anything.*

I've gotten more than a few chuckles over the years with this one.

Believe it or not, though, I'd actually like to take it seriously for just a few moments. Why do we so often hesitate to share our faith when the Jehovah's Witnesses don't? Obviously, we've all been turned off by their tactics: knocking on doors and interrupting someone's privacy. And also by their theology: which uses the end-of-the-world sort of apocalypse to scare people into believing. I think that we are right to be turned off on both accounts.

But there are at least two qualities to their sharing that I think it worth reflecting on. One is their sense of urgency, which is a quality that the early Christians seemed to have, as well. If we read Peter's and Paul's sermons in Acts, for instance, they give a sense of urgency in calling people to repent, without resorting to the end-of-the-world scare tactics of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Many people at least sense a dark, foreboding quality to the times we now live in. Even if we aren't apocalyptic about it, we have a sense that things need to drastically change in our world. What prevents us from

sharing with a sense of urgency that we have an answer?

That brings me to the second quality of the Jehovah's Witnesses: they are convinced that they have *the* answer to the world's problems. Are we so confident? Or is that why we are reluctant to share our faith with others, namely, that we're not sure our answer is better than anyone else's?

Now, these are dangerous questions. For we are certainly aware of the ways in which confident religious folks have used the answer to browbeat others. We're even more sensitive to the ways in which single-minded Christians of the past have even killed others for not believing in our answer. Such violence

can never be the answer for the violence we currently face in our world.

But have we let those ghosts of the past shame us into being too timid when it comes to sharing our faith? More pointedly: have we let our tolerance of other faiths bring us to the point of lack of confidence in our own? I need to be careful here, because I don't want to backtrack on tolerance and openness to other faiths. I simply want to ask: Have we done so to the point of losing faith in our own?

I know a person who was involved in Buddhist-Christian dialogues, in which two of the Buddhist priests got up and walked out after a

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➔Pastor Paul's Column, Continued

short time. When asked why, they responded, "All you Christians do is apologize for your religion; we'd like to talk to someone who really believes it."

Could it be, then, that the average Christian is hesitant to share their faith because we are not sure that our faith provides an answer that's better than the next person's? I often hear people say, "We all worship the same God." There's some truth to this statement, but there is also the age-old Christian claim that the God we come to know in Jesus Christ gives us a unique insight into who God is. This includes a claim to special insight into God's plan of salvation, God's answers to the mess we may find ourselves in. My main purpose here is to simply seriously raise the question: Have we let go of these claims too much? Is the infrequency of sharing our faith due to

the fact that we are no longer confident that our Christian faith provides better answers to the world's problems?

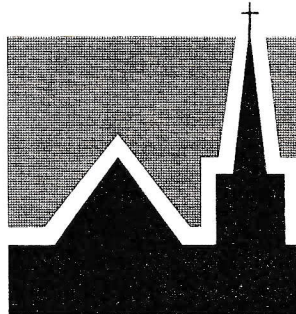
I can't pretend to have the answers to these questions. Rather, I'd like to close with an invitation. A friend of mine, Gil Bailie, will be visiting the Siena Center this month, March 20, 7:00 p.m. He will give a presentation entitled "Violence Unveiled: The Gospel at Work in History." As the title indicates, he definitely believes that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can and does make a difference in this world, a difference worth sharing. (Cost is \$10 before March 14 and \$15 after. Registration forms can be obtained at church; ask me.) And I can add a personal invitation: if these questions interest you, I'd love to talk with you further. Give me a call; let's get together.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul

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WELCA Bulletins

Nancy Smith to Lead Women's Retreat

by Myra Nielsen & Margaret Christensen

Join us for the Annual Retreat at Siena Center on Friday evening and Saturday, April 18-19. The theme this year is "Seeds of Hope: Sown and nurtured in the heart, they bear the fruits of joy in our lives" (Romans 5:5). "Hope does not disappoint us."

Nancy Smith, Pastor Mary's friend from Fairfax, Virginia, will be the retreat leader. Cathy Meyer will be the music leader, and June Beck will lead the craft sessions.

The deadline for registering to attend the retreat is Sunday, April 13. Sign up in the narthex after each Sunday



service. If you are unable to participate in the Friday night activities, you are welcome to come for Saturday only. The cost is \$44.00 for Friday night and Saturday, and \$22.00 for Saturday only.

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 12 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725 High Street.

Emmaus' Cathy Meyer and Joyce Kaiser will present a program entitled "Sing to the Lord a New Song." The cost of the brunch is \$3.50. Sign up in the narthex by April 6.

Mother-Daughter-Other Event

Plan now to attend our annual Mother-Daughter-Other event, Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. We will have a zoo theme this year, titled "Two By Two."

PASTORAL ACTS

Memorial Service:

Kathryn Monroe Thorson
March 22, 1997

Kathryn "Kack" Thorson, age 96, passed away peacefully on March 14. She and Harvey joined the Emmaus family in 1990.

We Extend Our Sympathy...

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Martha Kaprelian**, who passed away March 11. Mrs. Kaprelian is the mother of Michele Kreimer.

We extend our sympathy to Betty Barth. Her mother, **Unnie Aspenson**, passed away March 18. Mrs. Aspenson's funeral services were March 21 in La Crosse.

Adult Choir Invites Guest Singers Aged 8 to 88

by Kathy Christensen

This is an invitation to anyone and everyone who enjoys singing to join us for a one-time performance. We will rehearse on Wednesday evening, April 16 at 7:00 for no longer than thirty minutes. Then we will sing at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 20.

Participants can sit with their

families and merely join with the other singers when the anthem is to be performed. Marsha Connet, our choir director, promises that the music will *not be difficult to learn or to sing*. There are no requirements except a desire to sing and have a good experience with a group of God's children of all ages. We promise you will want to do it again!

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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

Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson

Parish Nurse: Carol Eschmann Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet

Sunday School Superintendents: Grace Falaschi & Pat Liesch

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

Manager of the Shrimp Bar: Sheldon DeVained

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 5:00. Sunday services are at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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

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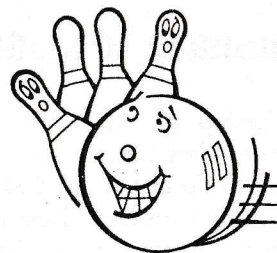
KFC Nuggets/BIC Pen

Youth Keep Rolling Along

Youth Ministry wishes to extend a "Thank You" to the youth and their families for their "egg"-cellent efforts on behalf of the annual Easter Brunch. Your work (and muffins!) helped to made this event a success!

Bowl April 20

KFC and BIC keep rolling along... Join us for Bowling on Sunday, April 20. Meet at Castle Lanes



between 3:00-3:15 p.m. Bowling from 3:30 to 5:30, pizza and soda to 6:15 p.m. Cost \$6.00 per person.

See you there!

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

Rudey, Pechman Host Band Concert at Emmaus

David Rudey and Adam Pechman will host a band concert at Emmaus Saturday night, April 5 at 6:00. Come hear your favorite local bands — Yellow #5, Just Another Band, Silent Circus, Antennae Head, Schnell Mel, and Femur — for only \$3.00. Concessions will be sold. The doors open at 5:50 (or come down right after Saturday evening worship in the Sunset Room).

The late Jim Henson and his

muppet Ralph will be there (*not!*).

Youth April Birthdays

Apr. 1	Destiny Rodriquez, 12
Apr. 2	Steven Furuglyas, 13
Apr. 4	Sam Falaschi, 16
Apr. 7	Jennifer Olson, 14
Apr. 8	Jonathan Pechman, 12
Apr. 17	Jennifer Lawler, 18
Apr. 18	Eric Van Berg, 12

Register for Lutherdale Summer Camp

Register now for summer camp! The registration fee increases by \$25.00 on April 15. Choose a week now — third graders through senior high, families and "seasoned saints."



SUMMER CAMP

Brochures are

in the week of your choice!

available from the church office, or phone Lutherdale at 742-2352.

Emmaus has designated the week of July 6 through 11 as a week for members to try to register together. The sooner you get your registration in, the better chance you have of getting

8th-9th Grade Confirmation Classes Resume

Confirmation classes for eighth and ninth graders resume Wednesday,

April 16 at 6:15 p.m. Classes will meet for five weeks, through May 14.

Emmaus to Modernize 10:30 Worship

The Worship & Music Task Force is recommending that we move toward changing the format of the 10:30 a.m. Sunday weekly worship to have a more contemporary flavor, particularly in its music. The formats for the Saturday evening and 8:00 a.m. Sunday services would continue as they currently are.

The schedule for the proposed changes is suggested as follows:

- begin learning elements of new liturgies and hymns in April;
- try the new worship style at the 10:30 services in May;
- resume the present pattern of worship in the summer, with cottage meetings held to give the opportunity for your feedback (and continue learning smaller pieces of new liturgies);
- If all seems ready for the change, move permanently to the new format at the 10:30 a.m. worship in the fall.

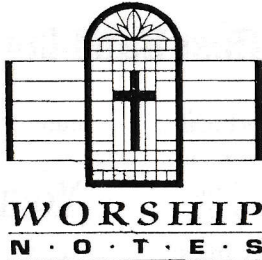
What kind of changes are we talking about? Primarily, it is one of instrumentation and musical style. In place of the organ as the featured instrument, we would use piano, as well as other instruments such as guitars, flutes, drums, strings, etc. Basically, it would be similar to the Chicago Folk Service, though with greater variety

from week to week. And speaking of the Chicago Folk Service, we would plan on keeping it in its present third Sunday of the month schedule. Another proposed supplement to worship is more regular use of chancel drama.

The move to a new style of music in worship requires the purchase of a new hymnal. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has recently published *With One Voice* as a hymnal to facilitate precisely these kinds of changes. The Worship & Music

Committee has suggested we purchase 120 copies of *WOV* (see sponsorship form in this *Visitor*). The ELCA has also published all their liturgies, including those in our current green hymnal, on CD-ROM computer disk so that elements of the liturgy can easily be printed directly into weekly bulletins. Special donations have enabled Emmaus to purchase these disk versions. This means that we can learn new songs one at a time without getting lost in a shuffle of hymnals, by printing the entire liturgy in the bulletin.

This will be an exciting time for Emmaus, as we seek to keep our traditional substance while also making moves designed to better reach out to our unchurched neighbors. We hope that it will mean growth and increased participation in this ministry we share in Christ's name.



"WITH ONE VOICE" HYMNAL

With One Voice offers a broad diversity of musical styles in its hymn and service music collection. From Bach to jazz, folk to global, traditional hymns to spirituals, and chant to gospel, this collection encourages the church to sing—with one voice—the many songs that are gathered from its various histories, cultures, and people. It is designed to feature the piano with other instruments—drums, guitars, flutes, violins, etc. Developed for use by the ELCA, this new resource is certain to enrich the worship of congregations that currently use the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

We need to order 120 pew editions. To offset the congregational cost of purchasing these books, you are invited to donate the cost of these books in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for blessings received. A bookplate will be put in the books to commemorate your gift, and your reason for giving.

The books are \$9.00 each.

These books are sure to provide our musical experience with a wide variety of melodies that will surely be appreciated by everyone.

If you would like to donate one or more copies of the *With One Voice* Hymnal, please fill out the form below, and place it with your payment in the offering plate, or drop it off at or mail it to the church office.

_____ Yes, I/we would like to donate _____ copy/copies of the *With One Voice* Hymnal:

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

Name of donor(s): _____

Phone: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Social Concerns

Community Meal Program Marks 16 Years of Service

by Margaret Christensen

What is the Community Meal Program? It is a free meal, open to anyone. No one is excluded as long as they want to come and share what is offered. There is no cost, although participants may make a donation. (There is no pressure to do this.)

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

The menu would consist of a casserole, salad and dessert. All groups could decide on the casserole they wanted to serve and would use the same recipe each month to simplify serving.

Set-up, serving, clean-up, beverage, bread, butter, vegetable would be provided by St. Patrick's and by donations.

The first meals were served at the end of April of 1981 with five churches, including Emmaus, in the program. At the present time there are fourteen churches involved and we serve only every other month on the first Thursday of the month. The numbers of meals served each Thursday of the year has been as high as 500 and as low as 50.

At the end of April this year, the Community Meal Program will have been in operation for sixteen years. It has grown from only Thursday night to seven nights a week at six other

locations besides St. Patrick's. St. Andrew Lutheran and Emmaus provide the casserole, jello and cake on the first Thursday every other month. St. Patrick's still provides the vegetable, bread, butter and beverage every week in addition to their dedicated crew of volunteers who set up tables and chairs, help serve the meal and do the clean-up.



This program has been a blessing to those who, for whatever reason, find themselves in need of a good hot meal. It could not have been such a success without the dedication of the church women who prepare the food to be served. We thank all who are willing to share in this program.

Community Meal Recipe

Ingredients:

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

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

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

Spread the tater tots over the top of the whole thing.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Interim Directors: Pastor Mary & Pastor Paul

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

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL:

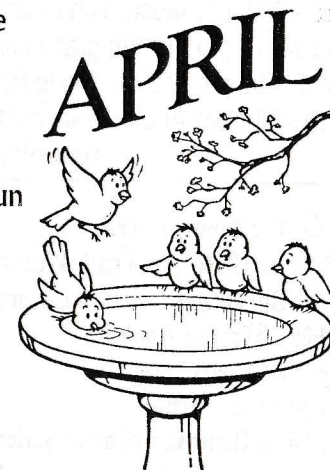
April 1: 11:00 a.m. - Lunch at River Run
1:00 p.m. - Social activities
1:45 p.m. - Games

April 8: 10:30 a.m. - Al Beck
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Social activities

April 15: 10:30 a.m. - To be announced
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Social activities


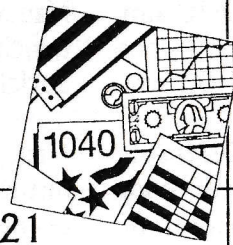
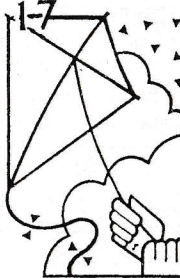

April 22: 10:30 a.m. - Nancy Smith: Haiti
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Social Activities

April 29: 10:30 a.m. - Nancy Smith introduces Daisy
12:00 noon - Birthday lunch
1:00 p.m. - Games



April Birthdays - 70 Years and Better

4-14	Mavis Agerholm	2332 Arlington Avenue	53403
4-19	Lloyd LeRoux	3418 St. Clair St.	53402
4-26	Arvilla Nemer	4930 Chester Lane #5	53402

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 (Apr. 16-May 14) 6:15-7:00 pm 3rd-6th grade Hands-On Science 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir practice resuming April 16		APRIL 1 11:00 am Senior Fellowship Center at River Run 6:30 pm TOPS WELCA Bible Study leaders	2 1:30 pm Mary Circle at J. Durand's 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	3 5:00 pm Community Meal, St. Pat's 6:30 pm Women's Retreat Cmte. 7:00 pm Stamp Club	4 6:30 pm REST 	5 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion 6:00 pm Band Concert 2:00 am Daylight Savings Time Begins
6 2nd Sunday of Easter 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 5:00 pm Cluster Council at Our Savior's	7 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	8 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Linda Clinton's	9 NO WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	10 7:00 pm Word Alive! Bible Study	11 6:30 pm REST	12 ___:00 am 1st communion class 10:30 am Executive Cmte. 5:00 pm Worship Service
<i>Pastor Paul at Valparaiso Liturgical Institute, April 8 - 10</i>						
13 3rd Sunday of Easter; Volunteer Week 8:00 & 10:30 am Trad. Worship Service w/one new song 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Word Alive! Bible study Women's Retreat registration deadline	14 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm Church council 	15 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS Visitor deadline	16 5:00 pm Wed. night activities: Supper: 6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class 7:00 pm "8-88" Choir Practice	17 	18 6:30 pm REST	19 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <hr/> <i>Women's Retreat to Siena Center</i>
20 4th Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:30 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 3:00 pm BIC-KFC Bowling party meets at Emmaus Tables of Eight	21 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm REST Board 6:30 pm Deacons	22 Passover begins 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm Stewardship/ Capital Funds Task Force 6:30 pm TOPS	23 10:00 am After Pastors 5:00 pm Wed. night activities: Supper: 6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class	24 Clergy Day of Renewal in West Bend	25 St. Mark 6:30 pm REST 	26 ___:00 am 1st communion class 5:00 pm Worship Service
27 5th Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:30 am Service of the Word 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum	28 11:00 am Staff mtg.	29 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS	30 5:00 pm Wed. night activities: Supper: 6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class	May 1 7:00 pm Stamp Club	2	3 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Apr. 5 5:00 pm		Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine		
Apr. 6 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #7 John Cook	Cindi Larsen
Apr. 6 10:30 am	Erin Svoboda Amy Lawler	Boots LeRoux Margaret Christensen	Team #10 Bob Christensen	Jerry Hiersemann
Apr. 13 8:00 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Randy Sanders
Apr. 13 10:30 am	Rebecca Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan		Team #2	Ginny Dougall
Apr. 19 5:00 pm		Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen		
Apr. 20 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders	Jo Baggesen Michele Kreimer	Team #3 Harold Miller	Bev Hansen
Apr. 20 10:30 am	Scott Rudey Justin Svoboda	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Kathy Christensen
Apr. 27 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Kevin Meteyard		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Cathy Meyer
Apr. 27 10:30 am	Matt Liesch P.J. Liesch		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Mildred Schroth
May 3 5:00 pm		Evelyn Larsen Brian & Denise Keller		
May 4 8:00 am	TBA	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Team #7 John Cook	TBA
May 4 10:30 am	TBA	Mildred Schroth Ginny Dougall	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	TBA

	ALTAR FLOWERS	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	CANDLE CARE
Apr. 6:	Jeff & Linda Clinton	TBA	Cheryl Dexter
Apr. 13:	Julia Durand	TBA	(through Apr.)
Apr. 20:	Jim, Joan, Amy Larsen	C. Dexter, M. Andersen	
Apr. 27:	Esther Markus	TBA	
May 4:	Pat Liesch	Please sign up!	Jan Svendsen

Church Council Report

Knuteson, Zielke Named Assembly Delegates

At its March 10 meeting, your church council elected Cathy Knuteson and Lyle Zielke as Emmaus' lay delegates to the annual Greater Milwaukee Synod assembly May 29-31. Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul will also represent Emmaus at the convention.

Financial Secretary Tim Van Berg reported that offerings in February were weak. It is hoped that Lenten and Easter offerings in March will make up the difference between our budget and

our offerings. The council approved selling a gift made by an Emmaus member of stock worth approximately \$7,000.

Building & Grounds Chair Bill Irvine reported that his committee is working on repairing problems with the lighting of the large crosses at the head of the sanctuary, starting with the inside cross. He reminded the council of the annual Spring clean-up, scheduled for Saturday, May 10.

Tape Ministry for Homebound Resumes

The Deacons' Committee is once again making audio tapes of our weekly worship services.

Would you or someone you know like to receive the tapes weekly? They are mailed, together with a Sunday bulletin, to the homes of those requesting them. A member or members of the Deacons' Committee will then stop by to pick up the tapes



every four to six weeks so that they can be re-used.

For those wishing to make a contribution to help defray the costs of this ministry, please earmark your gift "Tape Ministry."

If you would like to receive the tapes on a regular basis, contact Pastor Mary or Carol Yust (681-1225).

Financial Statistics

3/1/97 mortgage payment:	Principal	\$461.02
	Interest	\$1,465.98
	Total	\$1,927.00
	Principal balance as of 2/11/1997	..	\$216,514.04
	February Building Fund offerings	\$287.00



Financial Report



Attendance Figures

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance	Mar. 2-23:	1995: 208	1996: 227	1997: 220
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance	April:	1995: 271	1996: 236	

St. Andrew Hosts Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Luncheon

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, will be the site of the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Spring Luncheon at noon, Monday, April 21. Make your luncheon reservations

by April 5 by sending \$6.50 to Henrietta Pruissen, 5700 Cambridge Circle, #3, Racine, 53406. Please make your check payable to Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary.

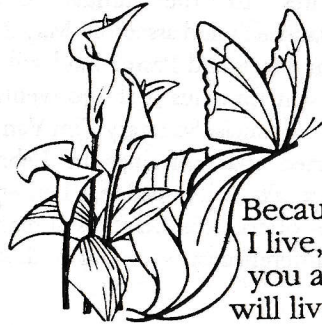
MEMORIALS

Designated to entryway painting:

In memory of Kathryn Thorson: \$1,505.00

Designated to the Building Fund:

In memory of Kathryn Thorson: \$100.00



Because I live, you also will live.

Parish Nurse Corner

Take Steps to a Healthy Heart

by Carol Eschmann, RN

Atherosclerosis, or "hardening of the arteries," is a condition that narrows the arteries so less blood flows through the vessels. However, this can be slowed down by the following measures:

- **Stop smoking.** "Never too late to stop!" Smoking makes the heart beat faster and narrows the blood vessels.
- **Control high blood pressure.** "The Silent Killer." Your heart works harder to pump blood through the blood vessels, causing stress and strain on your arteries.
- **Reduce saturated fats and cholesterol in diet.** This clogs the arteries. Limit fatty meats, whole milk products, and egg yolks.
- **Control weight.** Being overweight can raise your blood pressure and blood fat levels. It makes your heart work harder.

Aim to lose ½ to 1½ pounds weekly.

- **Regular exercise.** This helps blood circulate and relieves tension. Pick and exercise you like and can do year-round.
- **Regular rest and relaxation.** Stress can make your heart beat faster and raise your blood pressure. Do what you enjoy.
- **Regular medical check-ups.** Find out if you have diabetes, high blood pressure, or problems that may lead to a heart attack.
- **Check with your doctor or nurse** before starting any weight loss or exercise program!

As you consider these steps, you may want to contact me for further information or a personal inquiry. I may be reached through your church office, or by my voice mail at 635-7588, extension 320. I pray that you will consider even one of these steps as you seek good health.

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of Feb. 28, 1997

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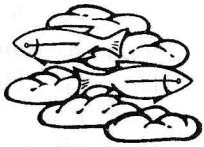
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Amount spent: \$70.74

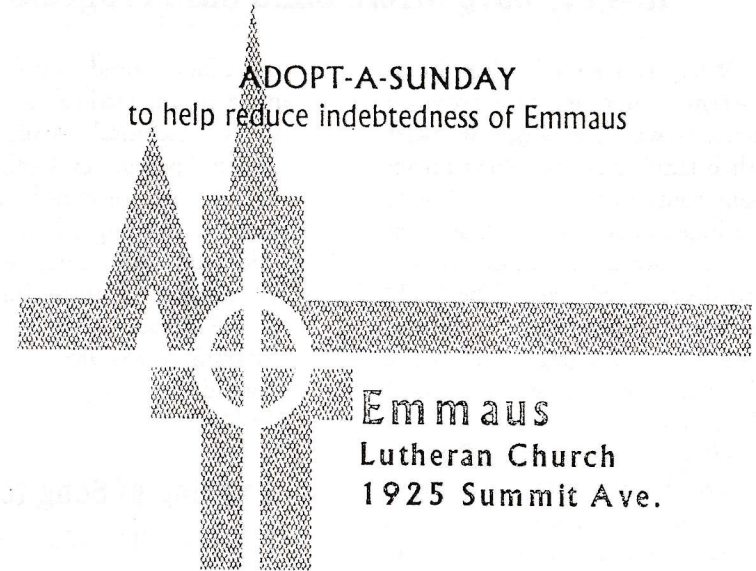
Checkbook balance: \$2,850.47

—Mary Haas,

Food Pantry Coordinator



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: _____

Kids! Are You Ready for Summer Vacation?

Psst, kids! You know how it seems that summer vacation is always so far away? Here's how you can help speed it up. Saturday night, April 5, sneak out of bed at 2:00 in the morning and run around the house setting all the

Elsewhere in Our Area

Respite Care Offers Child Care Program

What is Respite? Respite is short-term, temporary care provided for persons with disabilities in order that their families can be relieved from the daily routine of caregiving. Respite can include day hours as well as night hours or overnight stays for an extended period of time. The Child Care Resource and Referral Services Respite Care Program will serve families who have children with special needs, ages birth to 18 years.

Who needs Respite? Families who have children with special needs are in need of respite services. Children having special needs are defined as those children who are physically, mentally, emotionally or behaviorally challenged. Therapists, school, hospital, and agency personnel, clergy, and parents have seen the extreme need for respite child care and the lack of services available in our community.

Parents will work out payment with their respite provider and pay that provider directly. Parents will receive referrals to respite care providers, information about the respite providers, community resource information, and service evaluation forms.

Respite providers will receive initial respite training course, referrals

clocks ahead one hour. If we all "spring ahead" at the same time, summer vacation will get here a whole hour earlier! If anybody notices, just say it's Daylight Savings Time.

Shh! Don't tell your folks!

to families in need, sample cost sheets, information, medical and emergency forms, technical assistance upon request, parent evaluations of the respite care provided, information about continuing education training, links with community resources that will enhance their cares, and follow-up.

Contact Respite Child Care Program at 884-9890, or write 9400 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant, WI, 53177.

Evening of Song to Benefit Substance Abuse Council

Racine musicians will perform a benefit concert on April 12 to support the work of the Racine Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. The 7:00 p.m. concert will be at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road, with music by the quartet Caritas, The Voices of St. Paul (Baptist Church), Carthage College Choir, mezzo-soprano Nola Starling-Ratliff, and pianist Olga Yevgushchienko. Rev. Stephen Samuelson will be the Master of Ceremonies for this third annual concert. Tickets are \$10 and are available at 818 Sixth Street (632-6200) or Mt. Pleasant Church (634-6669).

Pastor Mary's Column

Change ... and Constancy

This past month I was privileged to attend the funeral service for Martha Kaprelian, mother of Michele Kreimer. At that service her life was celebrated; it was a celebration of her positive attitude and the care and love she consistently showed family and friends, a celebration of her faith in God and a celebration of the new life she now knows on the other side of death.

While I didn't understand the Armenian words which were spoken or chanted that day, the spoken words in English at the time of the scripture reading and the homily pointed to the cross and the assurance that is ours in Jesus Christ. What a word of hope

during an otherwise sad and dark time! In the death and resurrection of Jesus, death itself has been conquered *once and for all*. That is the central message that we have to proclaim during this Easter season.

What words do we use to express that message? Although Emmaus has long-time Danish roots, we no longer use the Danish language to express the Gospel message in public. I do know, however, that there are some members who still pray in their mother tongue. Since the time of Martin Luther, the Lutheran Church has made an attempt to make worship meaningful to the people in the pews by speaking the language common to the people. That for our church has meant change, sometimes painful during those times of transition, moving to what is more contemporary and understandable. In

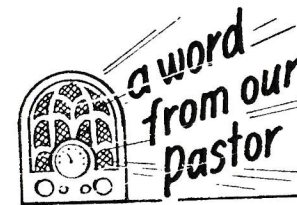
Martin Luther's time, it meant making the drastic change to German, the language of the people. The roots of my home church are Norwegian, and the early teaching and preaching there took place in the Norwegian language. Now, however, the majority of Norwegian that most of us speak is used to name our favorite foods such as lefse, krumkake and sandbakkels.

Whether our roots are Armenian, Danish, Norwegian, German or ... (you fill in the blank), the Gospel message remains constant. Whether we use the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the *United Methodist Hymnal* (yes, that's what we generally use on Saturday night!), the *Emmaus Book of Worship* with the Chicago Folk Service, or the

soon-to-be-introduced *With One Voice*, the message is the same. Being the Christ-centered church that we are, we have a constancy and a promise that the world is hungry for. While expression of the Gospel message may take on a different style or expression from one generation to the next, the message of hope does not waver. We hear that Easter morning proclamation, "He is risen; He is risen indeed!" and we know that we, like those women on Easter morning, are called to spread that good news — in any and *every* way possible, that it might be heard throughout the land. Yes, we are called to be a resurrection people!

In the risen Christ,

Pastor Mary



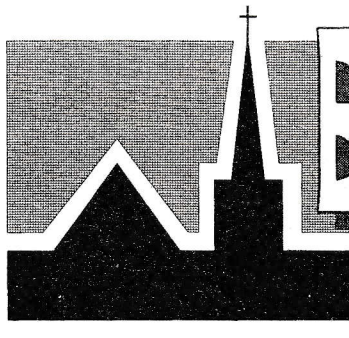
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May, 1997

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Come for Spring Clean-Up and Cook-Out May 10

by Pat Liesch

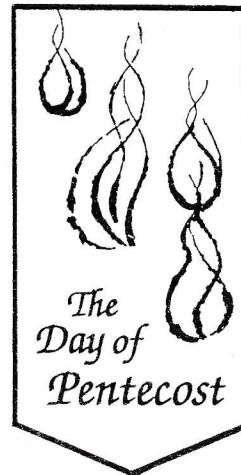
Mark your calendars for our annual spring clean-up on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. Wear your old clothes and bring your yard tools (especially rakes!). After our clean-up, Chris Olson, chef du jour, will be grilling hot dogs for a picnic lunch. Please bring a dish to pass and we'll

provide the hot dogs, buns, soda and coffee. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. For further information, contact Ellen Nuechterlein (637-0671), Chris Olson (634-2582), Cindi Larsen (681-0282), or Pat Liesch. This event is being sponsored by the Building & Grounds, Congregational Life, and Youth Ministry Committees.

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 18, 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. Sunday School teachers will be recognized at the 10:30 service.



Order forms for geraniums are included in the May *Visitor* and in Sunday bulletins through May 4. Order forms need to be in the church office no later than May 8.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

Sarah Elizabeth Higgens
April 6, 1997

Sarah was born October 22 to David Higgens and Terese Heinen, and baptized on her parents' anniversary. Her sponsors are Donald Higgens, Steven Higgens, Amy Higgens and Nancy Leitheiser.

Synod Assembly Meets May 29-31

The annual assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will meet May 29-31 at Carthage College in Kenosha. This year's theme will be "Respecting the Old, Engaging the New." The opening worship service

will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29.

Emmaus will be represented at the assembly by Cathy Knuteson, Lyle Zielke, Pastor Mary Janz and Pastor Paul Nuechterlein.



MEMORIALS

- Designated toward entryway repainting:
in memory of Kathryn Thorson: \$160.00
- Easter Offering:
in memory of Lois Gueldenzopf: \$500.00
- Designated for Seniors:
in memory of Anita Andersen: \$400.00

Emmaus Staff and Worship Times

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

Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet
Sunday School Superintendents: Pat Liesch & Grace Falaschi
Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30. (Summer schedule begins June 1.)

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

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Youths to Take First Communion May 4

At the 10:30 a.m. worship on May 4 will be a very special day for a number of our young people and their families. Some 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.

They are: Tina Yust, Valerie Yorgan, Nichelle Slawson, Danielle Pipol, Rachel Sommer, Willie Maryland, Nicole Maryland, Erin



Tussler, Lukas Reischl, and Eric Van Berg.

May 4 also marks the fourth time that communion will be offered to those at Emmaus younger than fifth grade since the congregation voted in January of 1996 to lower minimum age for communion. Those young people are Ashley Lamberton, Laura Olson, and Rachel Van Berg.

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

"With One Voice" Hymnals Ordered

The response has been good to learning the new "Service of the Word and Prayer" liturgy from the *With One Voice* hymnal. The learning process has been made easier due to a special contribution made to purchase the *With One Voice* liturgies (including copyright privileges) on computer disk. We can print the order of service in the bulletin, while learning the music a little at a time. The Adult Choir has also been instrumental in helping us to learn. In April, we have learned the offertory song; in May, we will learn the Gospel acclamation.

There is also good news to report in purchasing the new editions of the *With One Voice* hymnals. You have already responded with support for over 90 copies! This represents more than ¾ of our goal of 120. The first order has been made, and they should appear in the pews in time for the May 11

worship, so that we can begin learning some new hymns, too. Thank you for your generous response, as we continue to update and refresh our worship life together.

Summer Schedule Begins June 1

Summer worship schedule at Emmaus begins the weekend of May 31-June 1. 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.



WITH ONE VOICE HYMNAL

With One Voice offers a broad diversity of musical styles in its hymn and service music collection. From Bach to jazz, folk to global, traditional hymns to spirituals, and chant to gospel, this collection encourages the church to sing—with one voice—the many songs that are gathered from its various histories, cultures, and people. It is designed to feature the piano with other instruments—drums, guitars, flutes, violins, etc. Developed for use by the ELCA, this new resource is certain to enrich the worship of congregations that currently use the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

We need to order 120 pew editions—AND WE HAVE ORDERS FOR MORE THAN ¾ OF THAT NUMBER SO FAR. To offset the congregational cost of purchasing these books, you are invited to donate the cost of these books in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for blessings received. A bookplate will be put in the books to commemorate your gift, and your reason for giving.

The hymnals are \$9.00 each.

These books are sure to provide our musical experience with a wide variety of melodies that will surely be appreciated by everyone.

If you would like to donate one or more copies of the *With One Voice Hymnal*, please fill out the form below, and place it with your payment in the offering plate, or drop it off at or mail it to the church office.

Yes, I/we would like to donate _____ copy/copies of the *With One Voice Hymnal*:

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

Name of donor(s): _____

Phone: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Sunday School News

Sunday School Year Ends May 18

by Pat Liesch

May 18 is the last day of Sunday School until fall. Instead of our usual classwork, we will be holding a closing session in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The children, led by Karen Sedgwick and Jody Svoboda, will sing some of the songs they learned this year. Memory awards will be handed out. Please join us afterward in Fellowship Hall for treats and conversation.

The 10:30 a.m. service on May 18 will include songs by the Sunday School children and recognition of our Sunday School staff.

HELP WANTED

Sunday School teachers for Sunday School 1997-98. We have openings for the following positions:

- ▼ Team teachers for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds
- ▼ teachers for the second and third grades
- ▼ team teachers for seventh and eighth grades
- ▼ leaders for our music program
- ▼ Sunday School superintendent.

If interested, contact Pat Liesch (835-1363) or Grace Falaschi (632-2147).

We Thank Emmaus Members & Friends

We give thanks to:

- ▼ Cheryl Dexter and Ellen Nuechterlein for priming the new area of the kitchen, and to Vic Johnson for painting it.
- ▼ Jerry Pipol, Chris Olson and Bill Irvine for repairing the lights on the chancel cross.
- ▼ Cheryl Dexter and Chris Olson for assembling the new



utility/library cart for the Senior Center. The cart was a gift made in memory of Anita Anderson.

- ▼ Pat Jensen, June Beck, Jan and Al Svendsen, Boots LeRoux, for decorating the church for Easter Sunday.
- ▼ Paul Berge for playing the piano at the midday Lenten services.
- ▼ Cathy Meyer for leading the music at the annual women's retreat, and June Beck for leading crafts.

Softball Season Opens May 20

Softball season begins Tuesday, May 20! 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 Chris Lamberton (639-1712) for details.

KFC Nuggets/BIC Pen

Thanks For Easter Breakfast Donations

by Cindi Larsen

The KFC and BIC Youth groups would like to thank the congregation for attending the Easter breakfast. Thanks to your generous donations, a profit of \$221.00 was received for our youth groups. Thank you!

Spring Clean-up

Be sure to come May 10 for Emmaus' spring clean-up and picnic! Wear those clothes your parents keep telling you are too dilapidated to wear

to church, and bring yard tools. In the event of rain on May 10, spring clean-up and picnic will be postponed to May 17.

Youth Birthdays in May

May 14	Joseph Devine, 10
May 18	Alyssa Yorgan, 12
May 19	Justin Haman, 7
May 21	Jill Lynch, 14
May 24	Amy Lawler, 12
May 29	Courtney Jansen, 7
May 30	Brad Kousek, 17

Ben Field 2nd Runner-Up in Case Pageant

Ben Field was second runner-up in the 1997 "Mr. Case" Pageant on April 18. Contestants were judged on evening wear, sports/leisure wear, talent, and an interview. Ben performed adance

number as part of a re-enactment of a scene from the movie *Revenge of the Nerds*. Ben is the son of Gary and Julie Field and the grandson of John Psiones.

Graduates to Be Recognized in June

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

graduating them to the church office by June 2. The date when we will recognize 1997 graduates will be announced in the June *Visitor*.

May Word Alive! Session Meets May 6

Due to the All Daughters banquet scheduled for Thursday, May 8, the midweek Word Alive! Bible study led by Pastor Mary will take

place on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. The Sunday schedule remains the same (May 11).

WELCA Bulletins

Zoo Theme to Entertain at Banquet May 8

Attention all women and daughters! You are invited to come "Two by Two" (or more, if you'd like) to this year's All Daughter banquet, May 8 at 6:30.

As the name implies, Noah's Ark is this year's banquet theme; Ben, a representative of the Racine Zoo will bring live creatures for a program titled "Animals, Animals, Animals." Stuffed animals (we're talking toys, not taxidermy) will be given out. That big bear who has been sitting in the narthex will be awarded to the winner of a drawing; if you have not put your name in the box, time is running out!

The cost of the banquet is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children. See you there—buy your ticket today!

Rebecca Circle will be our hostesses.

Cookbook Planned

The last cookbook published by the Women of Emmaus was such a success that we would like to try to provide another one with some new

recipes for the 90's. A committee has begun working on preliminary plans.

We hope to receive contributions for this exciting new cookbook from not just the women of Emmaus, but from men and women, boys and girls, young and old. We are looking for recipes and contributions for the following categories:

- ▼ Healthy Eating
- ▼ Quick and Easy Meals
- ▼ Scandinavian Specialties
- ▼ Fresh from the Garden
- ▼ Favorite recipes
- ▼ Kids' Section
- ▼ Special recipes from "Emmaus Events" (please include event and date if possible)
- ▼ Helpful Hints
- ▼ "Words of Wisdom"

A recipe box will be available in the narthex in which to drop your recipes and contributions. If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share the committee would like to hear from you. Give one of us a call:

Pat Liesch 835-1363

Pat Jensen 681-1466

Kathy Christensen 886-2151

Marge Jensen 634-8754



REST Holds End-of-Year Meeting

REST homeless shelter is on hiatus until October. An end-of-the-year meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend! For questions, please contact Jim Palmer, 681-2363 or Pat Liesch, 835-1363.

Thanks to all the people who donated their time to help make this program work: Judy & Kristen Andersen, Al & June Beck, Linda Beasley, Milt & Marlyn Christensen, Rich, Kathy & Dave Christensen, Robert & Margaret Christensen, Jeff, Linda, Kristen & Ryan Clinton, Cheryl

Dexter, Robbie Ekstrand, Maury Felton, Scott Giese, Adam Hahner, Pat Hanson, Paul Hetzel, Dan Kiselewski, John & Cathy Knuteson, Joy Kousek, the Loren, Cindi, Ken & Eric Larsen, Debbie & Craig Lashley, Pat, Matt & P.J. Liesch, Annette McGregor, Pastor Paul, Chris, Karen, Jennifer, Laura & Melanie Olson, Jim Palmer, Vern Peterson, Becky Prudhomme, Steen Stricker, Al & Jan Svendsen, Don Velzka, Marge & Lyle Zielke, and to Dave Baugher and the members of Community Christian Church. Thanks also to everyone who donated money and items to the REST program.

Cluster Seeks Meal Site Director

The Racine Mission Cluster Council is seeking a Meal Site Director to handle our Sunday Meal for the community at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. An Assistant Meal Director would also be considered.

The Meal Site Director responsibilities are to:

- ▼ manage all aspects of the Sunday afternoon meal from planning, to hosting, through clean-up.
- ▼ be there every Sunday or have an appropriate representative present.
- ▼ schedule volunteers (primarily from church cluster members) to serve the meal.
- ▼ provide guidance for the volunteers and guests.
- ▼ coordinate the dinner, dessert, and beverage.
- ▼ make sure that the meal rules are followed.

▼ provide reports and information to the Racine Cluster Council.

The Meal Site Director should be a patient person, with some management skills, be task-oriented, have initiative and have the ability to work with a variety of people. This salaried position will require approximately 28 to 35 hours per month. Previous restaurant or cafe experience is a plus.

If interested in this part-time position, please contact

Rev. Paul Nuechterlein
1925 Summit Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
Phone 634-5515

The Racine Mission Cluster is a non-profit organization. One of the Cluster's key missions is to witness, serve and reach out to all people in Racine by providing a Sunday Meal Site.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
May 3 5:00 pm		Evelyn Larsen Brian & Denise Keller		
May 4 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Team #7 John Cook	Eileen Olson
May 4 10:30 am	Jon Pechman Alex Gueldenzoepf	Mildred Schroth Ginny Dougall	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Kathy Christensen
May 11 8:00 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Lyle Christensen
May 11 10:30 am	Nate Pearson Michael Yust		Team #10 Bob Christensen	David Christensen
May 17 5:00 pm		Pat Jensen Gregg & Kyle Albright		
May 18 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders	Sharon Devine Cynthia Cook	Team #3 Harold Miller	Eric H. Larsen
May 18 10:30 am	Amanda Lawler Kristen Andersen	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Team #2 Help Wanted!	Jonathan Pechman
May 25 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Kevin Meteyard		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Ruth Hlavka
May 25 10:30 am	Chris Sedgwick Erin Svoboda		Team #4 Rich Christensen	Anne Felton
May 31 5:00 pm		TBA		
Summer Schedule begins: Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:15 am				
June 1 9:15 am		TBA	Team #6 or #7 Jensen or Cook	Justin Svoboda

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 4: Pat Liesch
May 11: Howard & Marge Jensen
May 18: Anne Yaktiyol
May 25: Jim Andersen, Doris Jensen
June 1: Cathy Meyer

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP CANDLE CARE

Judy Berndt
TBA
Deacons
TBA
Please sign up!
Jan Svendsen
(through May)
Pat LeRoux-Sodke

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>May, 1997</p> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404 ☎ 414 634-5515</p>					<p>1 Sts. Philip & James 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3 10:30 am Executive Cmte. 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.</p>
<p>4 6th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am TRAD. WORSHIP SERVICE w/H.C. 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am REST year-end wrap-up 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:30 am TRAD. WORSHIP SERVICE w/ 1st Communion</p> 	<p>5 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee</p>	<p>6 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Word Alive! Bible Study 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Good Shepherd L.C.</p>	<p>7 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Bev H.'s 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES 6:15 pm 8-9th gr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Men's Chorus practice 7:20 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>8 Ascension of Our Lord 6:30 pm All Daughters banquet</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10 10:00 am Spring Clean-up Day & picnic 5:00 pm Worship service</p>
<p>11 7th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am TRAD. WORSHIP SERVICE 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: Word Alive! Bible study 10:30 am SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER</p> 	<p>12 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm Church council</p>	<p>13 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Linda C.'s</p>	<p>14 5:00 pm FINAL WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES 7:00 pm 8-to-88 Choir practice 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>15 <i>Visitor</i> deadline</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Vigil of Pentecost 10:00 a.m. <i>Spring Clean-up rain date</i> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>18 Day of Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School in sanctuary—last Sunday for the year 9:20 am Adult Forum Tables of Eight</p> 	<p>19 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm Deacons mtg.</p>	<p>20 9:30 am Cluster Clergy mtg. 10:00 am Senior Center 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Capital Funds Task Force TBA Softball</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 5:00 pm Worship service</p> 
<p>25 Trinity Sunday 8:00 am SERVICE OF THE WORD <i>No Sunday School or Adult Forum</i> 10:30 am SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>27 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS TBA Softball</p> 	<p>28 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30 6:30 pm Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>31 The Visitation 3:30 pm Artigas-Kirschbaum wedding 5:00 pm Worship</p>
<p>Greater Milwaukee Synod Convention Carthage College, Kenosha, WI</p>						



Easter Means New Life for Stewardship

We often get the impression that the Easter celebration is largely about God's promise of what happens to you when you die: Jesus' resurrection means that we will also be raised. This is true. Yet Easter is also about much more than that. Namely, it is about the invitation to new life that begins right now! Today! Jesus' resurrection can bring new life to every facet of our lives.

A good witness to this reality is the choice of First Lessons during the Easter season. This is the only season of the church year that we don't read from the Old Testament. Instead, we read from the book of Acts, the history of the church's beginnings. In other words, during the Easter season we focus on the effect that Jesus' resurrection immediately made in the life of the apostles and the church's first members.

And no more evident of this is the summary of church life that we read on the Second Sunday in Easter: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. (Acts 4:32-35)

Wow! Isn't that amazing?! Preaching the resurrection with power moved the early Christians to share all their possessions!

Another way to see this passage is that Easter made a dramatic difference in each person's stewardship. They were moved beyond their rivalries to a sharing with one another that went far beyond generosity. In modern

times, we have been tempted to call this an instance of Christian "communism." But that is not a fair label, since the modern, atheistic examples of Communism failed so miserably. What is most helpful to me about this passage is to see how the early Christians' experience of Christ's resurrection made such a difference in their everyday living.

That difference is highlighted by recalling the stories of the apostles before Jesus' death and resurrection: they were a cowardly band of folks who fought with each other a lot. There are numerous stories of the disciples arguing about who was the greatest; they seemed like a hive buzzing with constant competition and rivalry. Yet their experience of the risen Jesus changed all that dramatically. It had to have, in order for them to begin sharing all their possessions in common. They had to put away their rivalries and begin living in cooperation with mutual support. The difference between before and after the resurrection could hardly have been more drastic.

So what does that mean for you and me? We live in a modern economic climate that would seem to fit the description: "a hive buzzing with constant competition and rivalry." Don't we? And what does it get us? Frustration? Stress? Dis-ease? Resentment? Fighting? Easter means the offer of new life today. And that includes our stewardship of resources in a way that can help get us out from under all those rivalries. It means a generous sharing of our resources with others. And it means replacing the "fruits" of this world—frustration, stress, dis-ease, resentment, fighting—with the fruits of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23)." We can begin to live this new life in down-to-earth ways, such as the way in which we each support our common life and ministry together at Emmaus.

— Pastor Paul

"Stewardship News" to Highlight Emmaus' Ministry

Subsequent monthly issues of the "Stewardship News" will focus on specific areas of our ministry. Each of the committees will have the opportunity to highlight what's going on with their area of responsibility. With this year-round approach to stewardship, we hope to get away from stewardship seen as solely a 'budget-watch.' It may be useful at times to track how our offerings are keeping up with the budget plan. But that budget is ultimately about supporting the ministry we share together. Thus, these monthly newsletters will seek to help us to keep track of our ministry, not just our budget.

Capital Funds Task Force Meets

The Capital Funds Task Force, recently commissioned by a motion of the Church Council, met for the first time on April 22. The Task Force is being co-chaired by John Knuteson and Ken Pechman, with help from Lyle Christensen, Jim Dougall, and Mildred Schroth; Pastor Paul is also sitting in as an *ex officio* member.

The first action of the group was to make clear its mission: namely, to help raise funds to reduce the debt by focusing donations on making *extra* principal payments only. These funds are not to be used for making the regular monthly mortgage payments. With the simple

and direct mission of reducing the interest we pay to our lender—so that we can use our gifts for ministry instead!—the Task Force hopes to complete its pledge drive by the end of this summer. The committee looks forward to working with the congregation toward a fruitful achievement of its goals. Watch for further details.

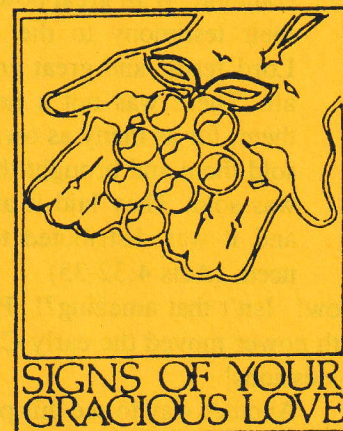
Emmaus Keeps "First Fruits" Commitment to Benevolences

At its October 14, 1996 meeting, the Emmaus Church Council renewed its 1994 commitment to a "first fruits" approach to paying benevolences. "First fruits" describes a style of giving that places "outreach" giving above all other financial commitments. Our Greater Milwaukee Synod, for example, practices "first fruits" giving by sending 61% of its income immediately on to the ELCA, and paying its other bills and commitments second. Many members of Emmaus practice "first fruits" giving by writing their church offering checks first, even if there is not enough left over to pay all the remaining bills.

We are pleased to report that, in the six months since making that decision, Emmaus has been able to faithfully follow the practice of writing weekly checks for benevolence based on the previous week's income. Thank you for your continuing support that has enabled us to keep all our commitments!

March, 1997 Stewardship Facts & Figures

	<u>Needed to meet budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund offerings for March	\$19,653.00	\$24,161.45
General Fund receipts YTD 3/30/97	\$50,327.00	\$51,801.55
Building Fund offerings for March	\$1,927.00	\$2,726.00
Building Fund receipts YTD 3/30/97	\$5,781.00	\$4,375.00
Other designated gifts in March (e.g. memorials, flowers)		\$5,702.03
Other designated receipts YTD 3/30/97		\$6,447.78
April mortgage payments:		
Principal		\$464.14
Interest		\$1,462.86
Total		\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of March 11, 1996		\$216,053.02



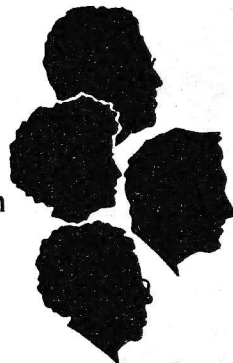
EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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.



- May 6:** 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. - Video
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.
- May 13:** 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. - Carol Eschmann, Parish Nurse
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.
- May 20:** 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. - Helen Gill, piano
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.
- May 27:** 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. - Al Beck: On the Road Again
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Birthday lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

May 1	Ruth Hlavka	1237 Isabelle Avenue	53402
May 1	Arlene Nielsen	4000 Maryland Avenue	53405
May 3	Alfred Sorensen	3910 River Drive	53405
May 9	Ruth Estep	2522 Maple Grove Ave.	53404
May 13	Chester Meyer	1435 Windsor Way	53406
May 19	Delbert Brown	1621 Walter Avenue	53403
May 20	Lydia Jensen	5742 Cambridge Cir. #4	53406
May 23	John Psiones	1429 Pheasant Run #201	53406
May 24	Mabel Meyer	1435 Windsor Way	53406
May 29	Hans Jepsen	1342 Harrington Drive	53405

Parish Nurse Corner

Treat Your Body Right When Traveling

by Carol Eschmann, R.N.

Spring is here, and summer will soon follow. For many of us, summertime is vacation time. Sitting for long periods when traveling can cause swollen ankles and calves. This inactivity also increases your risk for the formation of blood clots in the veins of your legs. Signs and symptoms of a clot in your leg may include sudden swelling, possibly accompanied by pain and discoloration.

To prevent a blood clot from developing:

- ▼ **Move about** - Stop every two hours and walk around for a few minutes.
- ▼ **Stretch your legs** - Frequently flex your ankles or press your feet against the seat in front of you. This promotes circulation.
- ▼ **Check with your doctor** to see if you should be wearing support stockings. If you wear support stockings, be sure you are putting them on properly.
- ▼ **Avoid alcohol** - alcohol promotes dehydration, which can further increase your risk for a blood clot.

If you are traveling with young children, you will need to plan to stop frequently to "get the wiggles out!"

When our children were small, and we were traveling long distances, we planned to stop at a lake or community pool to swim for one hour and eat lunch. It made the trip easier and more enjoyable for everyone. It is also fun to take along a tape of favorite songs and sing with the children. You can also play many car games.

Remember whenever you are in the car, all persons should be in appropriate car seats or safety belts.

When you are traveling over a weekend, remember to worship wherever you are.

REPORT FROM NORTHSIDE FOOD PANTRY as of March 31, 1997

146 people served.

Money received: \$274.36
 Trinity UMC \$250.36
 Emmaus Luth. \$14.00
 Individual gift \$10.00

Amount spent: \$419.60
 Checkbook balance: \$2,705.23

We received a substantial amount of food from the Boy Scout Food Drive.

Mary Haas
 Food Pantry Coordinator

Average Weekend Attendance

	1995	1996	1997
March	228	227	250
April	271	236	184
May	203	224	
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	129	76	78
<i>Good Friday</i>	153	164	143



Barry Donates Organ

Emmaus thanks Isabelle Barry for donating a Baldwin electric organ to the church. The organ, which includes rhythm and chord features, will be used

for seniors, dinners, and other events in Fellowship Hall.

A long-time member of Emmaus, Barry has moved to New Berlin.



1996 Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement

Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 18. 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 18.

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 _____

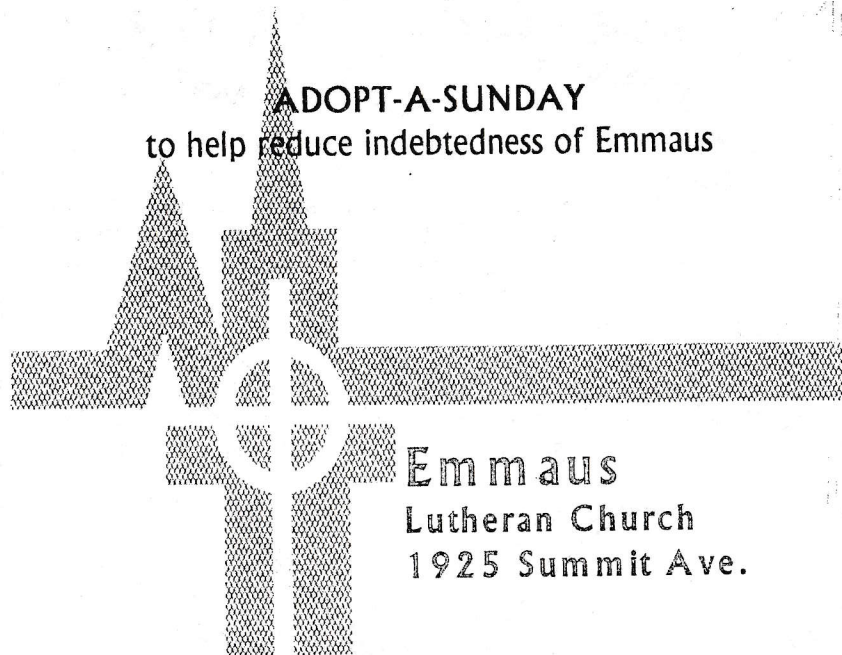
Address _____

Phone _____ Number of geraniums _____

- I will be taking my geranium(s) home after the 10:30 service
- I would like to donate plants to be planted on church grounds

Please have your order in to the church office by May 8.

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)

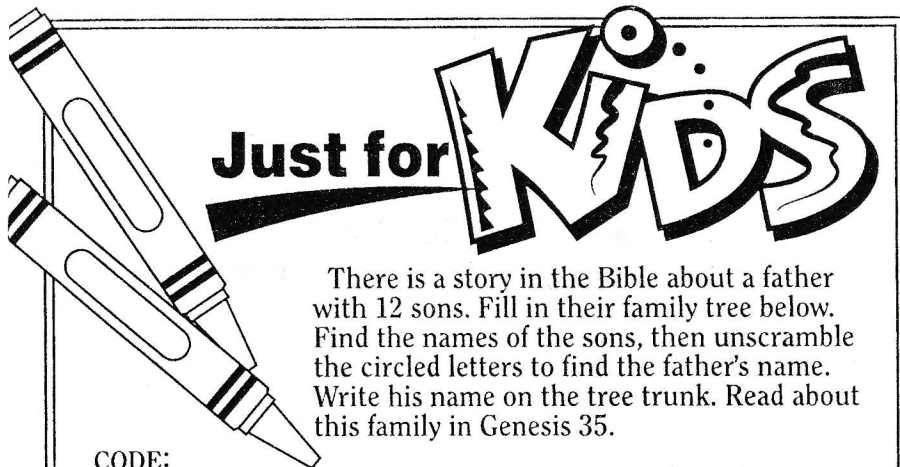
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(date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____



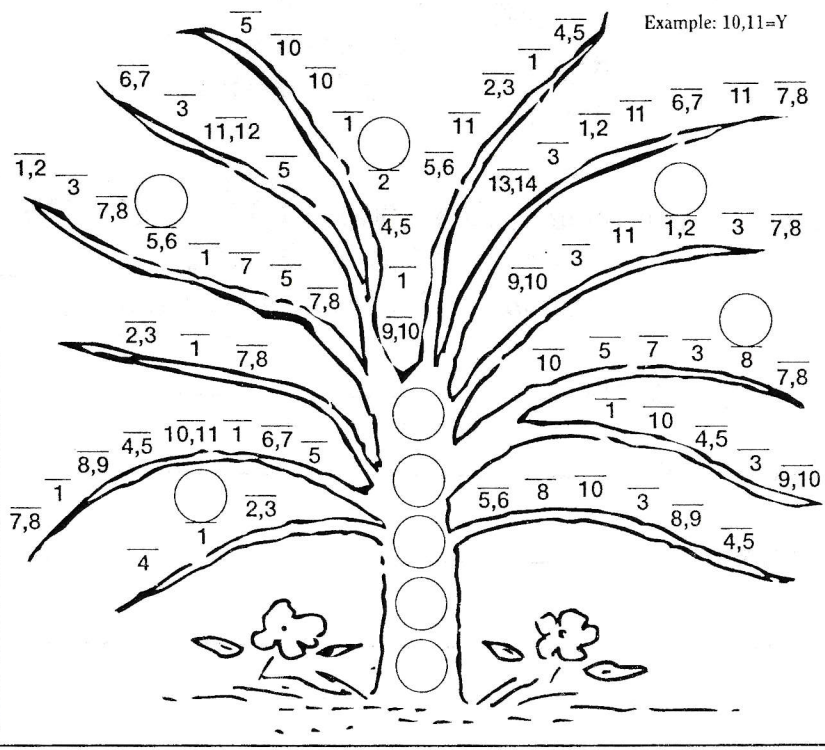
Just for

KIDS

There is a story in the Bible about a father with 12 sons. Fill in their family tree below. Find the names of the sons, then unscramble the circled letters to find the father's name. Write his name on the tree trunk. Read about this family in Genesis 35.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14												



Final Answer: Jacob

Answers starting with lower left and moving around clockwise:
 Gad, Naphtali, Dan, Benjamin, Levi, Issachar, Judah, Zebulun,
 Reuben, Simeon, Asher, Joseph



ELCA Domestic Disaster Response

April 11, 1997

SPRING STORMS AND FLOODS DEVASTATE WIDE AREA

Ohio River Causes Record Destruction
 The Great Ohio River Flood of 1997 inundated communities from Wheeling, W. Va., to Cairo, Ill., leaving a wide path of destruction and a thick layer of mud. Federal disaster declarations were made in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

The flood waters have receded. The media attention has disappeared, but the heart-breakingly slow job of rebuilding homes, communities and livelihoods will continue for a long time. Your support of the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response will assure that we will stay with the people in their struggle.

Record Minnesota and Dakota Storms Produce Floods

Heavy April snow, vicious wind-driven rain and ice storms added to the misery of a winter of record snows. Nearly 120 inches of snow fell during the winter in Fargo, N.D. Dozens of communities went without electricity for many days. Residents of Granite Falls and Montevideo, Minn., had to evacuate people from flooded

homes in the midst of a heavy snowstorm. In Ada, Minn., one of many flooded Red River Valley communities, nearly 80 percent of the residents had to be evacuated from their homes.

Your help is needed to assist and encourage people who have fought a long discouraging battle and who fear their communities will never be the same. The agricultural communities are wondering whether they will be able to recover from their losses (especially from the uninsured winter loss of more than 100,000 cattle).

Your ELCA Domestic Disaster Response gifts will be channeled through the Lutheran Social Service agencies of South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota. **These agencies are your guarantee that your church will not abandon the people but will stay with them in the long recovery.**

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

Your undesignated "ELCA Domestic Disaster Response" gift helps us respond where need is greatest.

YES! Send my help:

- Where most needed
- To spring storm victims

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State, Zip _____

GIVE THROUGH YOUR CONGREGATION or send directly to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764

Kindcare Seeks Volunteer Guardians

Kindcare, Inc., in association with Racine County Human Services, has opened a Racine office at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 W. Sixth Street, to serve Racine and its surrounding communities. Kindcare provides legal guardians for people who, due to health and age related disabilities, cannot provide for themselves.

Volunteer legal guardians are needed now. Potential candidates interview with staff, provide references and complete a training session before being matched with a ward. Matches are based on interests, location and mutual agreement. Guardians are

appointed by the court to make accurate and sound judgments on behalf of their wards. Duties include advocating for their rights, seeking appropriate housing, personal care and other services, and forming a supportive relationship. Guardians visit their wards two to four times each month, review the ward's chart and communicate with staff about concerns and progress.

Kindcare offers in-services and a quarterly newsletter discussing current issues and laws affecting guardians and clients. Contact Guardianship Manager Janet Hothouse at 632-4529.

Lincoln Lutheran Seeks Summerteen Volunteers

Lincoln Lutheran of Racine invites Middle and High School students who will be 14 by June 1 to apply to participate in its Summerteen Volunteer program, held from June 23 to August 15. This program allows students to work two to four hours per week in one of Lincoln Lutheran's nursing homes, residential care facilities, or community outreach programs, such as Harmony Club, Meals on Wheels, or a nutrition site.

Applications will be accepted through June 6 and should be mailed to Lincoln Lutheran's central offices, P.O. Box 081280, Racine, 53408. A letter of recommendation from an adult, such as a teacher, minister, or Scout leader, must be included with each application, as well as a signed parental consent form.

Training will be held June 17

from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Any young people who went through the application process last year may simply update their application form to become part of the program. Call volunteer recruiter Cheryl Erdmann at 633-0500, extension 147.

Mexican Summer Exchange Program Seeks Homes

Intercambio, a short-term student exchange program, is in need of host families for boys and girls aged 12-16 from Mexico. Students arrive June 21 or July 12 for a two-month stay. Host families provide room, board, and love and a boy or girl of the same age. If you would like a rewarding and education experience for your family this summer, please call 1-800-437-4170.

Changing Worship: A Test for Love

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

I'd like to begin with a joke again this month:

Q: What's the difference between a liturgist and a terrorist?

A: You can negotiate with a terrorist.

This joke pokes fun at the inflexibility of those experts charged with leading us in worship. They have a reputation of sticking with the tradition and not being open to the diversity of culture around them.

But I heard this joke at the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University a couple weeks ago. The liturgists were poking fun at themselves!

They have come to the point that they realize they must change with the times or the church will suffer for it.

One of those liturgists, the professor of worship at our Lutheran Seminary in Chicago, confessed that everything has changed for him in the last ten years. That's how long it has been since he was asked to participate in a study on worship and culture by the Lutheran World Federation. Traveling to many corners of the globe, he has been forced to re-evaluate his own ideas about Christian worship. He confessed that he no longer holds tightly to the notions he previously held. Mostly, these last ten years have taught him to ask good questions and to listen.

That seems like a good strategy here at Emmaus over the coming months, as we seek to make some changes in our worship. It will serve us

well to ask good questions of one another and to listen with care.

Part of the difficulty lies in the fact that worship is so closely tied to music, and music involves personal tastes. We can become embroiled in arguments over taste in music. One of our speakers led us in exercises of listening to different kinds of music. At one point, he played a Bach cantata and asked how it made us feel. The responses were all over the map, from joyful and triumphant to put asleep. He pointed out that what we are used to

listening to makes a big difference. A fan of classical music might feel uplifted by Bach, while a regular listener to heavy metal rock might find it terribly bland or too

serene. He thus counseled the same thing to us: listen to one another. Taste in music is not completely relative, but it is dependent on our personal processes of perceiving such things. Each of us comes to hear and perceive such things as music differently. This often brings occasions for disagreement. But there is another possibility: since it involves telling someone how we come to perceive things, we can use discussions about taste in music to get to know one another better, bringing us closer together instead of driving us farther apart.

It all comes down to the message of our epistle lessons during this Easter season. The First Letter of John boils it all down to love:



Pastor Paul's Column continued

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:11-13, 19)

Making adjustments in, or

varying, something we care about a lot, like the music in our worship, can bring the temptation to fight, or for feelings of hurt and resentment. In other words, it can be the occasion for testing that spirit of God's love abiding in us! I am confident in that love among us at Emmaus. I believe this crucial time of varying our worship to reach out to others will bring us closer together.

In the Spirit's love,

Pastor Paul

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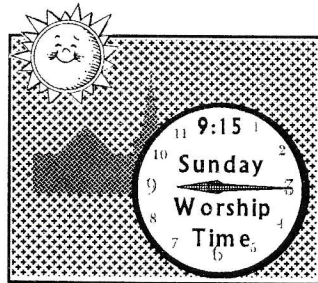
June-July, 1997

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"A Safe Harbor"

1925 Summit Avenue
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Summer Schedule Begins June 1

Summer worship schedule at Emmaus begins the weekend of June 1. 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.

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

Summer Worship Rotation Announced

In order to introduce the new *With One Voice* hymnals and yet maintain the familiar LBW and Emmaus Book of Worship (Chicago Folk) liturgies, a summer schedule has been set offering all three liturgies. For the summer Sunday worship services (9:15 a.m.), the following worship services will be offered monthly:

- ◆ First Sunday—*Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW), setting 2 with Holy Communion
- ◆ Second and fifth Sundays—*With One Voice* (WOV) Service of

Word and Prayer

- ◆ Third Sunday—*Emmaus Book of Worship* (EBW) with Chicago Folk Service and Holy Communion
- ◆ Fourth Sunday—*Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW) setting 2.

The hymn selection committee has made a special effort to include some of the most familiar hymns during the summer worship services.

Inside: VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL AUGUST 11-15

PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral:

May 5, 1997

Jean Petersen Plonsky



Jean Plonsky was a member of Emmaus since the 1950s. She enjoyed bowling and had a love for animals. She is survived by her son Jeff, her daughters Linda Lackey and Sharon Maldonado, as well as by five grandchildren and other relatives. Her husband, Kenneth, passed away in 1995. Mrs. Plonsky was born to eternal life May 2 at age 64.

Our Sympathies...

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Ralph Jansen**, the son of Edith Jansen. Mr. Jansen passed away on May 15.

We also extend sympathies to Victor Johnson, on the death of his mother, **Edna Johnson**.

Please remember former Emmaus member and Senior Center cook Robert Anderson, **Clara**, in your prayers. His mother's funeral was at Hansen Funeral home May 23.

Special Memorials Given

Anita Andersen

The family of Anita Andersen designated memorial money in her name to be used for the purchase of a special utility/library cart for the senior center. The remainder of the memorial gift was used to purchase *With One Voice* hymnals.

Wally Sorensen

Thanks to designated memorials given in memory of Wally Sorensen, new candles are being purchased for the altar and chancel area. The current wax candles are being converted to oil burning candles. The candelabrae and altar candle holders are being refitted to accommodate the new candles which will be equipped with special oil burning cartridges. The new

permanent candles will eliminate the mess of the wax and the need to trim the candles on a weekly basis. A new Christ/baptismal candle is also part of the memorial gift.

MEMORIALS

Kitchen Fund:

In memory of Unnie Aspenson: \$10.00

Non-Designated Memorials:

In memory of Edna Johnson: \$25.00

Dept. of Corrections:

Ed Simon is the coach of the Emmaus Kringles softball team. The article in the May *Visitor* erroneously stated that Chris Lamberton is coaching the team. Ed Simon may be reached at 634-5666.

Vacation Bible School Offered August 11-15

The week of August 11-15 has been set for five exciting days of Day Camp for those who have completed kindergarten through Grade 5. This summer, staff from Lutherdale Bible Camp will be here once again to run the week-long Day Camp for members and friends of Emmaus.

The program includes a variety of camp activities: worship, singing, Bible study, games and arts and crafts. The theme is "Building on Jesus: Tools for Peacemaking," and daily themes include Construction Zone, Tools for Building, Home Improvement, and Hard Hats and Tender Hearts.

This is a great way for kids to have a taste of summer camp and still be home for supper each day!

Dates: August 11-15

Registration deadline: July 22

Cost: \$15.00 (the remainder of the cost is supplemented by camperships)

Time: 9:00-2:30 daily

Registration forms: available in the church office

For more information: Call the church office (634-5515) during regular office hours or leave a message letting us know when it would be best to contact you.

Pre-School VBS

During the week of August 11-15, all three- and four- year-olds are invited to a time of learning, music and fun led by volunteers from Emmaus. Sessions are held daily from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and the cost is \$5.00 per child. Contact the church office for registration information.

Can You Help With VBS?

We need the support of the entire congregation for our Vacation Bible School to be a success. The following help is needed:

- ◆ a volunteer to help with registration (will receive office support from Paul Berge).
- ◆ financial support — we subsidize each and every young person who participates in the Lutherdale Day Camp program. The full cost per participant is \$45.00, and they are charged \$15.00 each. Can you provide "campership" money to make this camp experience with trained camp counselors a reality for our young people? We are

grateful for any and all contributions for "camperships." housing for the Lutherdale counselors.

- ◆ meals/groceries for the camp counselors.
- ◆ snacks/drinks for one day of VBS.
- ◆ persons to lead or assist with pre-schoolers.
- ◆ volunteers to help with Lutherdale Counselors as needed.
- ◆ your prayers for the leaders and children in VBS.

For more information, or to offer your help, contact Pastor Mary or the church office.

8-88 Chorus to Sing June 15

Since the "8-88 Choir" was such a success in April, we have decided to provide another opportunity for all enthusiastic singers on Sunday, June 15. We will be in our summer schedule, so there will be one service at 9:15, thereby including everyone who



worships that Sunday. There will be a short rehearsal in the choir loft after the worship service on Sunday, June 8. Marsha Connet will choose something easy to learn and to sing, so please join us and help to inspire the congregation with a truly uplifting musical experience.

WOV Hymnals Purchased

Thanks to the generous response of members and friends of Emmaus, 100 copies of the *With One Voice* hymnal have recently been purchased. These



hymnals, which have been given in memory and honor of loved ones, will be placed in the pews by June 1.

Additional copies will be purchased in the near future, and anyone interested in ordering one or more to be given to the church should do so as soon as

possible. The cost is \$9.00, and the gift may be sent directly to the church office or included as a special gift with your Sunday morning offering. The final order for the hymnals will be placed in June. A big thank you to all for your great response!

Communion Linens Missing

We are missing a number of communion linens. Altar Guild members are asked to please check to make sure that you haven't forgotten to return to church any linens taken home for cleaning. Thank you.

Thank You to Pentecost Decorators

Thank you to the following people who readied the church, both inside and out, for our festive Pentecost Sunday services: June Beck,



Pat Jensen, Joy Kousek, Al Beck, Marge Zielke, Vern Petersen, and Boots LeRoux. The red geraniums and your special touches didn't go unnoticed!

Kringles' Game Schedule

Softball Season Gets Underway

The Emmaus Kringles' softball season is underway! Everyone is invited to come on out to Cliffside Park, on Michna Road north of Six Mile Road, to cheer on the team and to share in the joy of Christian fellowship. New team members are always welcome; contact Ed Simon at 634-5666.

Games are on Tuesday evenings; with make-up games and tie-breakers, the season runs through August 12.



Here is the schedule of game times, opponents, and the diamond on which the game will be played:

June 3	Emmaus vs. Trinity U. Meth.-St. Andrew Luth.	7:15 SE
June 10	Emmaus vs. Mt. Pleasant Lutheran	7:15 NE
June 17	Emmaus vs. Northside Catholic Collaboration	8:30 NW
June 24	Emmaus vs. Christian Reformed	7:15 NE
July 1	Bye	
July 8	Emmaus vs. United Presbyterian	7:15 NE
July 15	Emmaus vs. Bethania-Good Shepherd-Zion Luth.	7:15 SE

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
Senior Fellowship Director: Glenn Olson

Youth Choirs Director: Cathy Meyer
Adult Choirs Director: Marsha Connet

Sunday School Superintendents: Grace Falaschi and Pat Liesch

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 1 with Sunday services at 9:15 only.

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

EMMAUS VISITOR

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JUNE-JULY, 1997

Congratulations to 1997 Graduates!

Congratulations to Emmaus high school and college graduates in 1997!

Ben Field is graduating from Case High School and plans to attend UW-Madison in the fall.

Tiffany Kreimer is graduating from Park High School. She plans to attend UW-Parkside in the fall, studying toward a career in the medical field.

Jennifer Lawler is graduating from Horlick High School.

Jason Lees is graduating from St. Catherine's High School. Jason will be running a landscaping business with a friend this summer and plans to attend UW-Parkside in the fall.

Chad Strini is graduating from Horlick High School.



Peter Sukus is graduating from Horlick High School. He plans to study computer science at either MATC or DeVry this fall.

Youth Birthdays

- June 1 Katy Naughton, 13
- June 7 Nathan Lamberton, 8
- June 10 Mason Bagley, 3
- June 13 Katy Sanders, 13
- June 14 Jessica Fiebig, 9
- June 17 Claire Hierseman, 5
- June 18 Ryan Halsey, 17
- June 18 Shai'ela Mosley, 4
- June 23 AnnMarie Liesch, 10
- June 30 Justin Svoboda, 15
- July 6 Geoffrey Pearson, 10
- July 6 Lukas Reischl, 12
- July 7 Ashley Simon, 14
- July 7 Jonathan Cook, 16
- July 10 Kasper Stricker, 7
- July 11 Ryan Clinton, 16
- July 12 Tina Yust, 11
- July 16 Derek Haug, 16
- July 22 Chris Pearson, 17
- July 23 Peter Sukus, 18
- July 27 Amy Meteyard, 9

WELCA Bulletins

Who Are the 1996 Secret Pals?

Missing: Secret pals for several women for this past year. Did you attend the 1996 Women's retreat but not have a chance to reveal yourself to your secret pal this spring? You need not keep it a



secret any longer — please let her know!

Thanks to Banquet Helpers

We would like to thank the fathers and sons that served at our Mother and Daughter Banquet. Thanks, too, to the Rebecca Circle for hosting the dinner, and to everyone that helped in any way.

Dishwasher is Up and Running!

Just in time for the All Daughters' Banquet, the first phase of the kitchen renovation was completed and the dishwasher was installed. To eliminate the construction dust, an inevitable part of the project, a number of very willing volunteers spent *many* hours cleaning the kitchen and rewashing cupboards full of dishes. Thank you to Al and June Beck, Bob and Margaret Christensen, Jan and Al Svendsen, Boots and Lloyd LeRoux, Howie

Jensen, Carla Van Berg, Pat Jensen and Jody Svoboda for getting things back into shape!

Future plans for the kitchen include retiling of the main kitchen area and repainting it to match the new dishwashing area. That should be completed sometime during the summer.

Thank you to all who have been so generous with both your time and money. You made the dream a reality!

Eschmann to Coordinate Senior Center

Beginning in July, Carol Eschmann will assume the role of coordinator of the Emmaus Senior Center. That decision was made at a meeting of the senior planning team held on May 27. Members of the planning team are Al & June Beck, Carol Eschmann, Pat Jensen, Joyce Kaiser, Carla Van Berg, Lyle Zielke, and Pastors Mary and Paul. Leadership of the weekly meetings will be shared by several individuals.

Since Glenn Olson's retirement as director of the center, Pastor Paul and Pastor Mary have served as acting directors. They will continue to be

involved in the leadership of the center, occasionally leading meetings, as well as leading devotions on a weekly basis.

As the new format is being put into place, volunteers are being sought to assist with weekly set-up (to be done Monday afternoon or evening, taking 1-1½ hours). Volunteers are also needed to assist with some of the food preparation as well as to serve the noon meals. Persons willing to help set tables, serve meals or clean up may contact Carol Eschmann or one of the pastors. All offers to help are welcome, whether they be on a one-time, occasional or regular basis.

Emmaus Members to Attend Heritage Workshop

As the first step in preparing for Emmaus Lutheran Church's upcoming sesquicentennial, Cathy Knuteson and Ellen Nuechterlein will attend a Heritage Planning workshop at Decorah Iowa July 13-15. They will attend workshops to share ideas with experts in planning anniversary worship

services and celebrations, and gathering historical information.

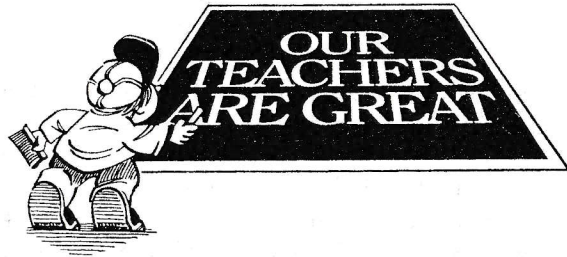
The First Scandinavian Lutheran Church, as it was known at the time, was founded on August 22, 1851. The name Emmaus (originally using the Danish spelling, Emaus) was adopted in 1876.

Thanks to Sunday School Staff!

Special thanks to all those who helped with our Sunday School this year, especially:

Joy Kousek
Caren Lamberton
Pat LeRoux-Sodke
Ellen Nuechterlein
Irene Pechman
Judy Yorgan
Chris Olson
Karen Olson
Cindi Larsen
Marie Andersen
Kathy Christensen
Jody Svoboda

Karen Sedwick
Linda Meteyard



We appreciate your hard work and dedication.

--Grace Falaschi and Pat Liesch
Co-superintendents

Bake Sale Set for September 20

by Pat Liesch

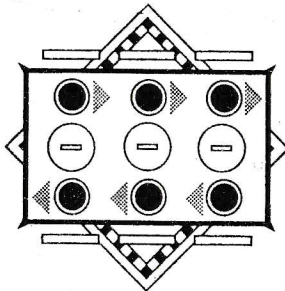
Set aside Saturday, September 20 for our next rummage and bake sale. Plan to bring your treasures to church starting on Wednesday, September 17. We'll be selling baked goods, general

merchandise and children's clothing (no adult clothes, please). For questions, contact Pat Liesch (835-1363) or Anne Felton (639-3011).

A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex in August and September. Please sign up when you can help.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal June 5

It's Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, June 5. Please sign up in the narthex to prepare or bring a dish. We need to provide eight casseroles, seven desserts, and five salads. The recipe for tater tot & ground beef casserole is available



from the church office, as are the 9"x13" pans to make them in.

We also need people to help serve the meal from 5:00 to 6:30. St. Patrick's members handle the set-up beforehand and clean-up afterward. St. Patrick's is

located on Douglas Avenue between Hamilton and Prospect Streets.

Church Council Report

Council Considers Creation of Long-Range Planning Committee

At the April 14 meeting of your church council, Amy Larsen and Tim Van Berg reported that March was a very good month in terms of offerings received, and that Emmaus was in good financial shape because of it. The council asked that an independent audit of the books for 1996 be made.

The council authorized Pastor Paul to prepare a written proposal for the restructuring of the council in light of a recommendation from the Executive Committee that a new long-range planning committee be created. The creation of a new standing committee would require amending or

rewriting the Emmaus constitution. At this point, this is just at the proposal stage. If it is recommended, approval would be required by vote at two successive congregational meetings.

Pastor Mary reported that the kitchen renovation was progressing well.

Lyle Christensen, James Dougall, John

Knuteson, Kenneth Pechman and Mildred Schroth have been appointed to serve on the Debt Retirement Task Force. The first meeting of the Task Force was held on April 22.

The church council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. The combined July-August meeting of the council will be July 22.



Pastor Mary to Attend Global Mission Event

"Look to Jesus...Run the Race" is the theme of the 1997 ELCA Global Mission Event that Pastor Mary will attend July 10-13. Held in Wheaton, Illinois, the event is one of two held nationally by the ELCA.

Global awareness is emphasized, with people attending from all over the world. Preaching, education and worship will be emphasized throughout, with a number of in-depth workshops offered.

You Asked For It!

Sunday morning announcements by the pastors will be shortened considerably in the future. In addition to the welcome and words of thanks and acknowledgement, only two or three general announcements will be highlighted each week.

Please read the remainder of the announcements and the calendar items in your weekly bulletin. Deadlines for the monthly *Visitor* and the weekly bulletin are the 15th of the month, and 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, respectively.

Thanks for Food Drive Donations

Thanks to Joyce Kaiser for food from the Postal food drive in May. Food stored here at Emmaus will be

delivered to the Northside Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist to help the needy in our area.

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of April 30, 1997

Number of people served: 137
 Amount of money received: \$170.87
 Emmaus ELC: \$40.87
 Trinity UMC: \$110.00

Amount of money spent: \$ 49.59
 Checkbook: \$2,826.51
Mary Haas
 Food Pantry Coordinator 639-5149

News From the Pews

Arts Council Honors Mildred Schroth for Years of Service

Racine Mayor Jim Smith presented an Arts Award to Mildred Schroth on behalf of the Racine Arts Council at a dinner on May 9. Schroth was honored for her service to the Racine Arts Council dating back to 1966.

Mrs. Schroth first became involved in the Racine Symphony Orchestra in 1978, agreeing to handle the box office out of her home, scheduling rehearsals and managing the books. Now the RSO's Administrative Assistant in their office, she continues

to manage the box office at every concert, to oversee all mailings, and to oversee the books.

Mrs. Schroth has been a member of Emmaus for 31 years and is active in the Altar Guild, Rebecca Circle and Adult Choir. She serves as the secretary-treasurer for Aid Association for Lutherans Branch #4157 and is a regular volunteer at St. Mary's Medical Center Gift shop. The first female member of any Racine Rotary, she also edits the Downtown Rotary's weekly newsletter.

Ryan Sedgwick to Study Music at Northwestern

Ryan Sedgwick auditioned for and was accepted into the National High School Music Institute at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He will live on campus from June 29 through August 1 and study French horn and voice under nationally renowned musicians and teachers. While he will be studying and working hard, an "up" side is that he will be required to attend

concerts of the Chicago Symphony and other similar groups at Ravinia and Grant Park.

June 25-29, Ryan will study with Wisconsin's top instrumental students in the State Honors Band in Eau Claire. The band will perform in Madison at the November, 1997 state teachers' convention.

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Interim Directors (June): Pastor Mary & Pastor Paul

Director (July): Carol Eschmann

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

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

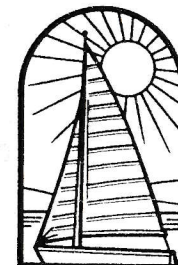
PROGRAMS FOR JUNE:

June 3: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. Lifeline—Donna Kratochvil from St. Mary's
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games

June 10: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. Bingo
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games

June 17: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. Darrell Reynolds, AAL— "Home Sweet Home: How to Help Older Adults Live Independently"
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games

June 24: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mary—Slides on Spain
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Birthday Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games

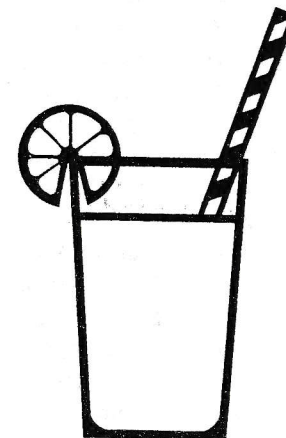








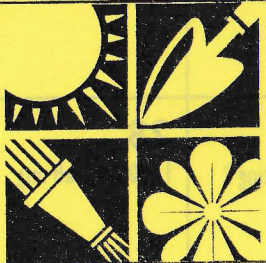
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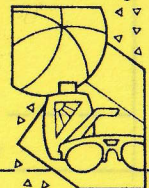


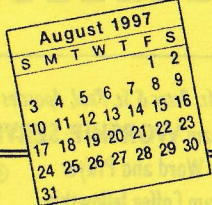



PROGRAMS FOR JULY:

July 1: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. VCR
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games

July 8: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. VCR
 11:45 a.m. Devotions



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	1:00 p.m.	Games
July 15:	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & conversation
	10:30 a.m.	John & Lila Berge: Circus World
	11:45 a.m.	Devotions
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Games
July 22:	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.	Games
July 29:	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & conversation
	10:30 a.m.	Nancy & Art Smith
	11:45 a.m.	Devotions
	12:00 noon	Birthday Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Games



June & July Birthdays - 70 Years and Onward

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
6/16	Doris Jensen	1455 Sun Valley Drive #204	53406
6/17	Mildred Schroth	3900 N. Main Street #231	53402
6/22	June Johns	5527 Marboro Drive	53406
6/25	Lowell Klees	1903 Shoop Street	53404
6/29	Ella Reckhow	3601 S. Chicago Ave., S. Milwaukee	53172
7/ 6	Lucille Atkinson	1230 N. Memorial Drive	53404
7/10	Lawrence Decker	3000 N. Green Bay Road	53404
7/16	Dorothy Jacobsen	2015 Prospect Street	53404
7/18	Gladys Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
7/21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
7/23	Edith Bohn	4435 Lakeshore Road	53403
7/26	Doris Decker	3000 N. Green Bay Road	53404
7/27	Mildred Haakensen	2818 Donna Avenue	53404
7/27	Joyce Toslek	5809 Sixteenth Street #230	53406
7/29	Lawrence Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
7/29	Betty Peterson	1916 Wisconsin Ave. #349	53403
7/30	Ralph Rasmussen	2755 Bartel's Drive	53406
7/31	Glenn Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404

Perfect Weather Graces Spring Clean-Up

Leaves were raked, shrubs trimmed, ground prepared for planting, air conditioners installed in the Sunset Room, and dead trees and shrubs were removed. All of that happened during the two-hour clean-up of the church grounds on Saturday, May 10. Milt Christensen hauled away a whole truckload of debris after the clean-up crew finished their work.



Irvine (the chief organizer and cheerleader for the event), together with Shirley Irvine, Al Beck, Kathy and John Cook, Jim Dougall, Elwood, Jody, Erin and Justin Svoboda, Harold Miller, Denise & Brian Keller, Austin Schultz, Pastor Paul, Ellen, Joel, Matthew and Joshua Nuechterlein, Pastor Mary, Karen, Chris, Jennifer, Melanie and Laura Olson, Al and Jan Svendsen, Loren and Eric Larsen, and Ryan and Chris Sedgwick.

Volunteering their time were Bill

Thanks one and all for a job well done!

REST Program Averages 14 Guests Per Night

by Jim Palmer
REST Site Coordinator

The REST program here at Emmaus had a very busy year. We had twice the number of guests that we had last year. This year, we had 421 nights of REST—or to put it another way, we had an average of fourteen guests per Friday night. We had our busiest nights on January 10 and January 24, when we had 25 guests each. But of course, we could not have done this without the many volunteers—46 in all — and without the help of Community Christian Church on each alternate Friday.

The REST program has been blessed this last year with many volunteers (see the May *Visitor* for the full list). I especially want to

acknowledge the following:

- ◆ Pat Liesch, who organized all the meals;
- ◆ Vern Peterson and Cathy Knuteson, who did many an overnight shift;
- ◆ Annette McGregor and Becky Prudhomme, who helped with most of the breakfasts;
- ◆ Loren, Cindi, Eric & Kevin Larsen and Lyle & Marge Zielke, who helped serve suppers;
- ◆ Cheryl Dexter & Joy Kousek, who filled in when and where it was needed;
- ◆ Al & June Beck, who work first shift.

To all again, thank you! Our guests really appreciate all that we did for them.

Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Ushers	Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
May 31 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen Pat Jensen	—	—	—	—
June 1 9:15 am	Linda Meteyard Helen Mickelson	Team #7 John Cook	Justin Svoboda	Chris & Karen Olson	TBA
June 8 9:15 am	—	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Audrey Rasmussen	Bev & Chris Hansen	Marie Andersen
June 14 5:00 pm	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	—	—	—	—
June 15 9:15 am	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Ryan Sedgwick	Lucille Atkinson Edith Bohn	TBA
June 22 9:15 am	—	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Kylee Albright	Audrey & Ralph Rasmussen	TBA
June 29 9:15 am	—	Team #3 Harold Miller	Mildred Schroth	Bob & Margaret Christensen	Chris Olson family
July 5 5:00 pm	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	—	—	—	—
July 6 9:15 am	Boots LeRoux Marg. Christensen	Team #10 Bob Christensen	Ginny Dougall	Al & June Beck	TBA
July 13 9:15 am	—	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Gregg Albright	Cheryl Dexter	TBA
July 19 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—	—
July 20 9:15 am	Jo Baggesen Michele Kreimer	Team #2 Help Wanted!	Sandy Strini	Don & Dolly Orth	TBA
July 27 9:15 am	—	Team #7 John Cook	Kathy Christensen	John & Kathy Cook	Nancy Smith
Aug. 2 5:00 pm	Pat LeRoux-Sodke Julie Field	—	—	—	—
Aug. 3 9:15 am	Judy Berndt Marge Jensen	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Ginny Dougall	Lisa Ziehlke Carol Yust	TBA

Altar Flowers

June 1	Cathy Meyer
June 8	Esther Markus
June 15	Mildred Schroth
June 22	Gerry & Judy Dykstra
June 29	Chris & Karen Olson
July 6	Art & Diane Rode
July 13	Lucille Atkinson
July 20	Carol Rudey
July 27	Barb Toslek

Candle Care

Pat LeRoux Sodke
(through June)

Jan Svendsen
(through July)



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BLESSINGS
FLOW...

Parish Nurse Corner

Have Fun in the Sun, But Don't Get Burned

by Carol Eschmann, RN

Soon, we hope, our Wisconsin weather will be warm enough for summer outdoor activities. Some of you may participate in outdoor sports, others work in the garden, and still others spend time at the beach. Whatever summer activities you choose, I hope that you will remember to protect your skin from the harsh effects of the sun. Wrinkles, drooping, sagging, brown spots, and skin cancer are all preventable with proper protection.

Some people, however, are at more risk than others. Those with fair skin are at highest risk, especially those with blond or red hair who freckle and who sunburn easily. It is never too late to take extra care in the sun.

Avoid midday sun, especially between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., when sunburn risk is greatest. Protect exposed skin by applying a waterproof sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Choose a product that protects you against both ultraviolet and b radiation. It is best to apply sunscreen about an hour before sun exposure. Don't forget your ears, the tops of your feet, or the part in your hair (however wide it may be).

Wear protective clothing—wide brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts—and sunglasses to protect the eyes from sun damage that can

contribute to the formation of cataracts.

◆ Avoid tanning parlors. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration says that a half hour under a tanning lamp is as bad as a half hour in the bright sun at high noon.

◆ Check with your physician or pharmacist to see if you need to take extra precautions in the sun because of your medications.

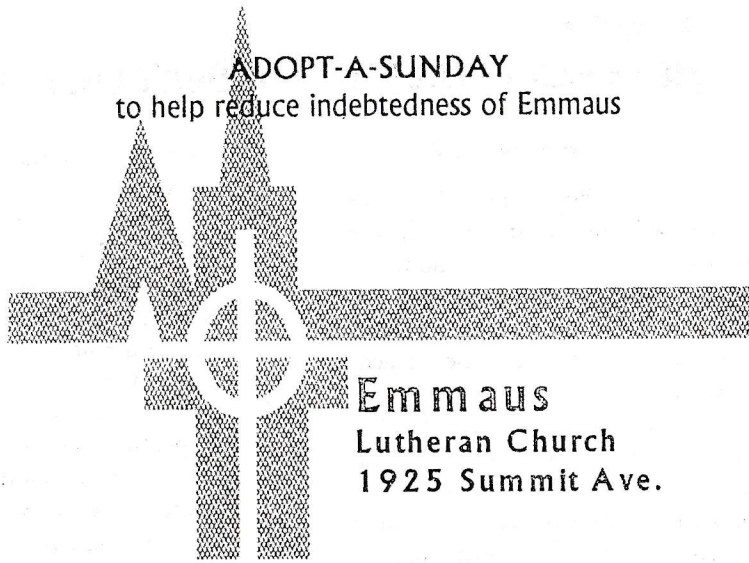
◆ Examine your skin regularly for signs of skin cancer. Lesions most frequently appear on parts of the body not usually protected by clothing. If there are suspicious changes—in color, size, shape or quality—consult your doctor or dermatologist.

I am available to you either through your church office, or by my voice mail at 635-7588, extension 320. I pray that you will be blessed with a healthy and pleasant summer.

—Your servant in Christ.



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: _____

Help Needed During Secretary's Vacation

Our parish secretary, Paul Berge, will be on vacation June 17-27. We need volunteers to staff the office while he is gone. Midweek, the duties mostly involve answering the phone, but we also need people who can (or are willing to learn to) type bulletin information on our Windows 6.1

computer and run it off on our digital duplicator, and send out worship assistant reminder notices. Paul will help acquaint volunteers with the office machines.

Contact Paul between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Friday if you can help.

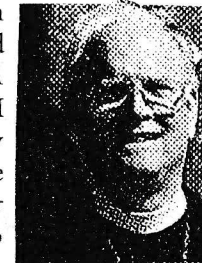
Members Adopt Sundays to Help Retire Emmaus Debt

We extend our earnest thanks to the following for adopting Sundays this spring as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in

the *Visitor* and in Sunday bulletins.
Esther Markus, in memory of her husband, Harold Markus
KFC & BIC, in honor of Emmaus' support of youth

Bishop Anderson Records Phone Messages

Interested persons can now hear a brief recorded telephone message from ELCA Bishop H. George Anderson. "I look forward to one more way to communicate with the people of our church and learn of their interests," said Bishop Anderson, adding that his message will be seasonal and devotional, containing "newsy updates about what's hot" in the church.



Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., "Dial Bishop Anderson" is available by dialing 1-800-638-3522, extension 2930; at other times, you can

reach him at 1-773-380-2930.

The message will be changed on the first and fifteenth of every month. June's messages will be about the ecumenical proposals before the church, and family time.

You can let Bishop Anderson know what topics you would like to hear him address by writing to him at his internet address (anderson@elca.org), or U.S. mail (8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631), or via Lutherlink (GEORGE ANDERSON).

Rev. Goertemiller Accepts Call to Indianapolis

On May 13, former pastor of Emmaus Rev. Al Goertemiller announced to the members of St. George Lutheran Church of Brighton, Michigan, his decision to accept a call to serve as pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. His final Sunday at St. George will be June 15.

After graduating from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1973, Rev. Goertemiller served as pastor of Emmaus from 1974 to 1978. He has been active in civic and community affairs in Brighton, serving on school committees, United Way agency review

panels, and the Livingston County Domestic Violence Prevention Council, and leading worship and counseling inmates at the Livingston County Jail.

His wife, Pat, was a school aide at Lindbom School and a crossing guard. Their daughter, Allison, is completing the ninth grade and has been active as a cheerleader and in the St. George youth group.

The service of installation at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 10202 N. Meridian St. (I-465 at US Highway 31), Indianapolis, will be on Sunday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.

The Norse Are the Norse, of Course, of Course

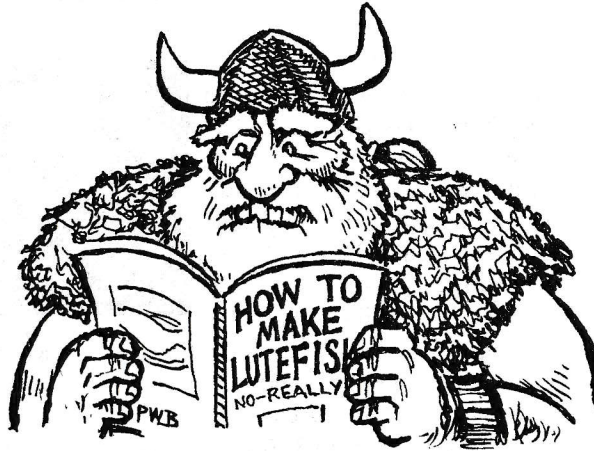
Racine's Festival Hall will host a Scandinavian Festival on Saturday, June 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Food, arts and crafts will be available.

The cost is \$4.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children aged 4 to 12. For further information, contact Betty Barth at 639-7894.

And No One Can Talk With the Norse, of Course

Messiah Lutheran Church, on Durand Avenue between Regency Mall and Ohio Street, will host a Scandinavian Festival called The Viking Fest, on Saturday, July 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Taste homemade traditional dishes—American fare as well as Norse—with favorite desserts prepared by Messiah's most excellent cooks and bakers. Musical entertainment will be provided by 3 Floors Up, Racine Suzuki Violins, and The Tim Hansen Project.

Area crafters will display Nordic folk art, and Viking historian Magnus Hrolf will demonstrate Viking games, shipbuilding techniques, swords,



weapons, and Nordic family values. Kids and adults can try their hand at Viking games, dancing and singing, and ride the ponies.

Admission and parking are free.

That Is, Of Course, Unless the Norse Are the Famous Japanese

You are invited to register to be a host family to Japanese guests visiting Racine this summer through the S.C. Johnson Wax Host Family Program. This program is not limited to Johnson Wax employees.

Three Japanese women and three Japanese teenage students will visit Racine to live with local families. Each guest will stay with one host family from July 27 to August 5, and another

host family from August 8 to 17. During each host family stay, there will be two days when the guests will be involved in corporate-sponsored activities. A picnic for the guests and their hosts will be held at Armstrong Park on Sunday, August 5.

To register, or if you have any questions, please contact Pat Isaacson at 260-2154.

What's On Your Mind?

Do you have a gripe? Do you have an idea? Do you have a concern? Do you have a word of affirmation?

How is that best expressed?

We, your pastors, appreciate hearing all of the above *from you directly*, rather than through the grapevine. It's a sign of health when we can speak openly and share mutual concerns with one another as loving members of the body of Christ.

While we pray daily for the discernment of the Holy Spirit in all that we say and do as we provide pastoral leadership for Emmaus, we don't always know what is on your hearts and minds.

Sometimes we catch bits and pieces in the narthex before or after a worship service, but there are times when we realize we can't or don't give you all the time you might want and deserve, especially if a worship service is about to begin or if others nearby prevent a private or extended conversation from being possible. If there are times we have seemed preoccupied or in a rush, we apologize.

To facilitate more open, extended conversations with you, we make the following suggestions:

1.) *Early/mid morning* (8:30-10:30), it is generally easiest to reach both of us *at home*. That time is spent organizing and planning for the day ahead, taking time for prayer and for study, taking time for correspondence and other writing and connecting with people by phone.

2.) *Late morning* (10:30-12:30) —

depending upon hospital visitations, scheduled meetings or other appointments, it is *generally* the time when we can be found in the office. While you are always welcome to simply drop in, there are times when it might help in our planning and yours if you give us a call ahead of time. Calling to see if one of us will be available

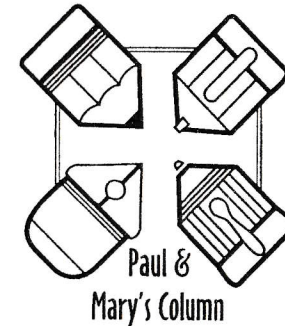
doesn't necessarily mean that you have something serious or controversial or heavy to discuss — maybe you'd simply like to stop to chat and catch up and have more than a "quick narthex conversation." We welcome that!

3.) *Afternoon or evening appointments* in

your home or at the church are also welcomed. Generally, mid to late afternoon works the best for us, as hospital or other visits tend to be earlier in the afternoon. Evening times need to be scheduled around our meeting schedules. (Some Mondays and Tuesdays are the evenings we tend to be most available.)

4.) *When one pastor has the day off* (Pastor Paul is off on Thursday and Pastor Mary is off on Friday), the other pastor is available. Pastor Paul will be on vacation June 19 to July 2; Pastor Mary will be away June 10-16 and July 10-20.

5.) *If we can't be located immediately*, contact both the church office (634-5515 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday) and leave a message on our home answering machines.



Pastors' Column, continued

6.) *In case of an emergency or a crisis, CALL EITHER OF US AT ANY HOUR, ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.* (Pastor Paul: 637-0671; Pastor Mary: 633-3059.)

7.) We appreciate knowing about your concerns, including *upcoming medical tests, surgeries, and treatments.* We are able to include you and your needs in our prayers and to provide pastoral support to you and family members when we are aware of your situation.

We both work hard at keeping a balance between planning our time and being flexible to meet needs that arise unexpectedly, and we realize that one of us often provides "behind the scenes" support for the other who may have been called out for a special pastoral need. That works both ways, and we know we can count on one another to provide that back-up support. Often what we do is of a confidential nature and we might not be at liberty to explain why we have to miss a meeting

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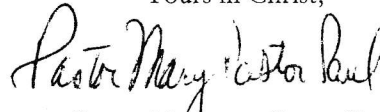
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or reschedule an appointment. We appreciate your understanding when that does occur.

In summary, we want to be part of a congregation where there is open, honest conversation and where you feel you can trust us and count on us. We hope that this is mutual and that we can continue to work together to communicate in the healthiest ways possible. That requires listening, time, as well as being direct and open. We pledge that to you and ask you for the same in return.

As your pastors, we celebrate who you are as members of this congregation and we covet your prayers and support as we *all* join together, upheld by the guidance, counsel and comfort of the Spirit. May this season of Pentecost be one of life and growth for Emmaus!

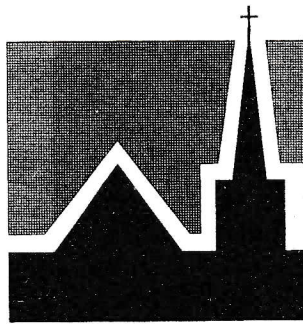
Yours in Christ,



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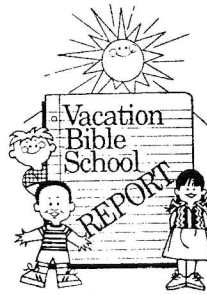
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Emmaus Prepares for Vacation Bible School

Final details are being put in place for this summer's Vacation Bible School to be held August 11-15. Four Lutherdale counselors will be leading the Day Camp portion of VBS under the theme of "Home Improvement."

The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily for kindergarten through Grade 5, and will include a variety of camp activities such as worship, singing, Bible study, games and arts and crafts. The counselors will be staying at the home of Andy and Elizabeth Hetchler, new members of Emmaus.

Elizabeth will be leading our preschoolers daily from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. with the assistance of Jonathan Pechman. Cathy Knuteson, Ginny Haugsby and Denise Pipol have also



volunteered to assist with the VBS program.

We still need *your* help in the following areas:

- ◆ contribution of evening meals for counselors for a couple of evenings
- ◆ money contributions toward groceries for the counselors for their breakfasts and lunches (they'll do their own shopping and prepare their own — we simply provide funds for the grocery shopping)
- ◆ financial contributions toward "campership" scholarships, as we subsidize the cost for each day camper (our total cost is approximately \$700; so far, we have received \$493.35.
- ◆ your prayers for a fun and spirit-filled week for all who will be participating in this year's VBS. Thank you for your support and your prayers!

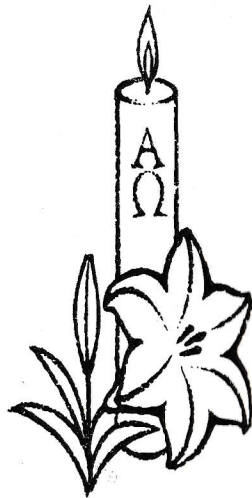
PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism: June 22, 1997 Brittany Kay Lasko

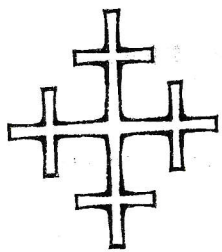
Brittany is the infant daughter of Richard and Jackie (Schilcher) Lasko, and granddaughter of Gary and Diane Lasko. Her sponsors are Mike Lamberton and Shannon Schilcher.

Funeral: July 7, 1997 Dean Allen Jensen

Dean Jensen passed away July 1. He is survived by Lydia, his wife of 49 years, and by son Steven and daughter Janice. He is further survived by sisters, Caroline Schultz and Marilyn Anthony. After serving in the Pacific during World War II, Dean was a partner in an insurance company for 25 years.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIA



Designated Memorials:

In memory of **Dean Jensen**: \$550.00; for sidewalk repair
In memory of **Ralph Jansen**: \$30.00; to be determined

Non-designated Honorarium:

In honor of **Al & June Beck**: \$100.00

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: Pat Liesch & Grace Falaschi
Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Through August 31, 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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Lincoln Lutheran Hosts Ice Cream Social Aug. 14

Mark your calendar for the 24th Annual Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Ice Cream Social, Thursday, August 14. There will be ice cream and music from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Lincoln Villas Apartments, 5820 Lincoln Village Drive, south of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church. A donation of \$3.00 per person is



requested; proceeds will be used to purchase items to enhance the lives of Lincoln Lutheran residents.

Emmaus is responsible for furnishing seven fruit pies and two pans of bars. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Audrey Rasmussen (886-4960) or Ginny Haugsby (639-3865).

Thank you!

Synod Assembly Urges Compromise to "Full Communion" with Protestant Church Bodies

Cathy Knuteson, Lyle Zielke, Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul represented Emmaus at the annual assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA at Carthage College May 29-31.

Youth and the emerging generation were the theme of the assembly; keynote speaker Kris Capel is, at age 23, the youngest person ever to deliver the keynote address at a GMS assembly.

The assembly took up the issue of the ELCA's proposal to enter into "full communion" with the Episcopal, and Reformed (Presbyterian, Reformed Church in America, and United Church of Christ) churches, and to approve a Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification with the Roman Catholic Church. The three separate proposals will be voted on by the ELCA churchwide assembly in Philadelphia in August.

The assembly passed a resolution urging the churchwide assembly to "affirm the Episcopal Church, the Reformed Church in America, the

Presbyterian Church (USA), and the United Church of Christ as members with us in the 'one holy catholic and apostolic church,'" to "declare sacramental hospitality" with these other churches, and to accept as valid ordinations of ministers in these churches. This compromise proposal, offered by Bishop Peter Rogness, ecumenical representative Jim Stein, and several clergy deans stops short of endorsing the "full communion" proposals, but would mean that the named churches would recognize baptisms performed by one of the other churches, and communicants from one church would be welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion at any of the other churches.

The full communion proposal has been approved at the national level by the other protestant denominations involved.

For a more detailed account of the proposals, please see the Mission Interpreter Program column on Ecumenical Ministries, starting on page 20.

Council Addresses Members' Concerns

At the June 9 meeting of your church council, the "Secret Visitors" from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection reported on their visit to Emmaus' worship service on June 1. Their report was generally favorable, with our highest ratings given in the warmth with which they were greeted before and after the service. They noted, however, that since Emmaus' services are not advertised in the Saturday *Journal Times*, they would not have found Emmaus had they not been specifically sent here.

The council discussed apparent communication problems and recommended that during the time the pastors are working at their home offices, the secretary direct calls to their respective home phone numbers.

Stewardship chair Peter Bayer reported that Emmaus will use a different weekly offering envelope in

1998. The envelope will offer a mail-in feature.

Building and Grounds chair Bill Irvine informed the council that the entire lawn was fertilized in May, and the parsonage back lawn was seeded. Al Svendsen and Adam Pechman will re-side the utility garage; Adam's volunteer work will be applied toward a Boy Scout merit badge.

Congregational Life chair Ellen Nuechterlein reported that her committee plans to host a congregational picnic to launch the 2001 Faith Odyssey campaign. AAL Night at the Brewers will be August 22, for the 7:00 p.m. game against the Detroit Tigers.



COUNCIL MEETING

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Council Wish List

Committee Members, Chairs Needed

by Cathy Knuteson

Our congregation is in serious need of the following:

Interested individuals to serve as Chair or members on the Education Committee, Social Concerns Committee, and Nomination Committee. To learn more about these opportunities, please contact one of the pastors or Cathy Knuteson. These committees are very important to our mission both for the Emmaus community of believers and in the

broader community.

Regretfully, they have been without leadership for too long. Perhaps your work, family, and community responsibilities have changed and now is a good time for you to step forward to help us develop stronger, more cohesive programs. Reflect prayerfully about how you can help and call one of us. We will be glad to answer your questions and assist you in any way you need.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal August 7

by Margaret Christensen

Please sign up to prepare either a cake, casserole or jello for the August 7 Community Meal at St. Patrick's

Church. Pick up a pan in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your help.

Budget Update

Summer Slow-Down Hits Bill-Paying

Help! Through the month of May this year, Emmaus had been enjoying a good year financially, keeping current with all its bills and commitments, including benevolence. But since June 1, we have been falling behind our budget at a rate of over \$1,000 per week. As we move into the month of August, we are facing the possibility of falling \$10,000 behind in paying our bills!



Please do your best to stay current in your giving. If you can manage anything extra at this time, it would be much appreciated!

An envelope addressed to Emmaus is included in this month's *Visitor* for your convenience in sending in your offering when you are away.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, June:	1995: 177	1996: 157	1997: 159
Average Weekly Attendance, July:	1995: 145	1996: 145	1997: 140
Average Weekly Attendance, August:	1995: 166	1996: 150	

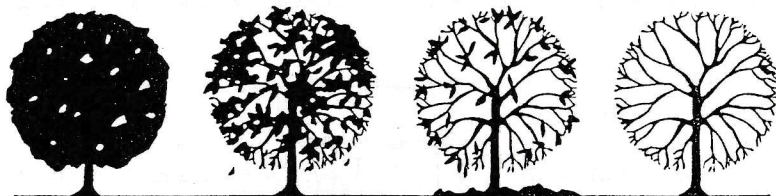
Financial Figures

	Needed to meet budget	Actual
Genl. Fund offerings received in June	\$19,653.00	\$16,538.00
Genl. Fund offerings as of 6/29/1997	\$100,654.00	\$96,474.59
Bldg. Fund offerings received in June	\$1,927.00	\$1,315.00
Bldg. Fund offerings as of 6/29/1997	\$11,562.00	\$6,982.00
Other designated gifts in June		\$1,232.00
Other designated gifts as of 6/29/1997		\$4,695.42
June mortgage payment: Principal		\$473.63
Interest		\$1453.37
Total		\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of July 11, 1997		\$214,651.15

Act Now for AAL Day at the Brewers

Aid Association for Lutherans Branch #4175 is sponsoring a night at the Brewers-Tigers baseball game in Milwaukee's County Stadium Friday night, August 22. The deadline for tickets is sooner than you think—Sunday August 3!

Seats in the lower deck cost \$9.00



Fall Schedule Resumes In September

Emmaus' summer worship schedule continues through Labor Day weekend, August 31, with worship services at 5:00 p.m. Saturdays and 9:15 a.m. Sundays.

The regular schedule resumes Sunday, September 7. There will be two worship services every Sunday, at

each; upper deck seats cost \$4.50. We have a bus to take us up to County Stadium at no extra charge (and a whole lot less construction consternation). Please contact Millie Schroth (639-1881), Joyce Kaiser (878-2989), or Ellen Nuechterlein (637-0671) right away to reserve your seats!

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Once Sunday School is underway the following week, Sunday School and Adult Forum will meet between services at 9:15 a.m.

Less formal Saturday services in the Sunset Room will continue year-round at 5:00 p.m.

Lutherdale Seeks Development Director

Lutherdale Bible Camp and Retreat Center announces an opening for the position of Development Director.

The successful candidate will serve as the principal development officer, serving under the administrative review of the Executive Director, working to expand the resources available to Lutherdale. S/he shall direct and manage the work of all efforts and activities within the development office, develop a close working relationship with the Lutherdale Board of Directors and Development Committee, and

assist the Executive Director.

Candidates must have a high school diploma and at least two years of experience in development, fund-raising or closely related experience. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Lutherdale provides a competitive benefit and retirement package. Send letter of application, resumé, and three references by August 31, 1997 to: Executive Director, Lutherdale Bible Camp, N7891 US Hwy. 12, Elkhorn, WI 53121. Lutherdale is an equal opportunity employer.

Join Emmaus Family For Picnic

by Ellen Nuechterlein

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, September 7 and join in a great congregational gathering! We will kick off both our Sunday School year and our 2001—A Faith Odyssey mortgage reduction campaign!

Join us for worship at a traditional service at 8:00 a.m. or following the

Sunday School hour at 10:30 for a more casual festive worship leading into an all-congregational picnic at 11:30!

So plan on joining us as students register for Sunday School with an all new fun-filled curriculum, and adults gather in the Sunset Room for an informative Adult Forum. Watch upcoming bulletins and the September Visitor for more details!

WELCA Bulletins

Women to Compile New Cookbook

by Kathy Christensen

In the last Visitor, we mentioned that the Emmaus WELCA is planning to publish a new cookbook and asked that every member of Emmaus contribute his or her favorite recipes. A recipe box has now been placed in the narthex in which to place your recipe contributions for this new Emmaus Cookbook.

To refresh your memories, the categories we are most interested are:

- ◆ Healthy eating
- ◆ Quick and easy meals
- ◆ Scandinavian specialties
- ◆ Fresh from the garden
- ◆ Favorite recipes
- ◆ Kids' section
- ◆ Special recipes from Emmaus Events (please include event and date if possible)
- ◆ Helpful hints
- ◆ "Words of Wisdom"

We hope, with your help, to create a cookbook that is even better than the previous one. The committee members are Pat Leisch, Pat Jensen, Marge Jensen and Kathy Christensen.



If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact one of us.

Creative Works Contest

Ever thought of seeing your creativity in a book? Women of the ELCA is sponsoring a Creative Works Contest open to all women of the church—any age, involved in the women's organization or not—with selected entries to be printed in a book in 1998 and others to be used in various resources and media for ministry in the 21st Century.

Entries in ten categories, including writing, music, quilting, black-&-white photography and more, should follow the "tables" theme and are due by October 10. For complete contest information and an entry form, call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2471, or send a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope to Creative Works Contest, Women of the ELCA, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL, 60631-4189. Women of the ELCA would like to see at least ten entries from Emmaus.



AUGUST 11 - 15, 1997

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board for both the grades K - 5 Day Camp program and the Pre-school VBS program.

Join in the great summer fun at Bible Day

Camp led once again by the Lutherdale Camp Counselors. **Day Camp** runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and the registration cost is \$15.00. **Pre-school VBS** runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the registration cost is \$5.00.

WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP!

- _____ I would like to donate \$ _____ as a Campership, to help support the Day Camp. (\$45.00 covers the cost of one child; **any** amount is welcome.)
- _____ I am willing to donate a meal/groceries for the counselors' meals.
- _____ I am willing to provide a drink/snack for VBS.
- _____ I am able to provide housing for Day Camp counselors.
- _____ I am able to provide transportation for Day Camp and/or field trips.
- _____ I would be able to assist the Lutherdale counselors if needed: _____ every day/
 ___ Mon. ___ Tue. ___ Wed. ___ Thu. ___ Fri.
- _____ I would like to assist with the Pre-school VBS program.
- _____ I will include Vacation Bible School in my prayers.

Please fill out and put in the offering or the church office. Indicate "Campership" on all Campership checks. Thank You!

Name _____ Phone _____

The President's Corner

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

by Cathy Knuteson

From vast prairies to majestic mountains, from aromatic fields of flowers to abundant wildlife, and from waterfalls to rainbows, I witnessed God's gifts throughout my travels to Canada and Montana. I spent three weeks traveling alone...without anyone with me. This was my first experience being alone like this, and I found that even though I was alone, I was not lonely.

My trip was literally conflict-free. I listened to music that I liked; I ate when and where I liked; and when I stopped the car to take pictures of flowers or rainbows, no one criticized me or asked me why I was wasting my film.

Don't get me wrong. It would have been nice to have shared the trip with someone else, for the memories of this trip are solely mine. I can't review the trip and say, "Remember that terrific sunset we saw near Banff?" On the other hand, the experience of not having to work out conflicts with someone was very nice. I use the word "conflict" because whenever you have people with different opinions, you have potential conflict.

When I returned home from my extensive vacation, I had to work hard at communicating well with my family. I was kind of out of practice since the only person I had to talk to for three weeks was myself. And I discovered that I always agreed with myself.

Imagine that.

Communicating well is an extremely important part of getting along with others. This applies to couples, families with children, and congregations such as ours at Emmaus.

Long ago, I realized that I can't read minds (don't tell my kids—I think I still have them convinced that I *can*) and that everyone's view is important.

As your council president, I have been so pleased with the open debate that takes place at our meetings. No one is silenced,

and opinions are valued. Additionally, Council meeting minutes are published and posted so that each of you can feel part of the process. Another way to communicate is through the suggestion box in the narthex.

Sometimes you may have a concern but haven't been able to think of a solution. Please remember that the executive committee members would be pleased to hear your concern or idea to share with the council. If you wish to remain anonymous, we will maintain your confidentiality.

Executive committee members are:

- Cathy Knuteson, President 639-5621
- Lyle Zielke, Vice President 634-8798
- Amy Larsen, Treasurer 637-1752
- Tim Van Berg, Financial Secretary 639-4032

Irene Pechman, Secretary 681-0602

Open communication is a sure sign that our Emmaus family is strong and healthy. Let's all work together in the glory of God's name to honor and love each other as He first loved us.



Rummage Sale Planned

by Pat Liesch

Set aside Saturday, September 20 for our next rummage sale. Plan to bring your treasures to church starting Wednesday, September 17. We'll be selling baked goods, general

merchandise and children's clothing (no adult clothers, please). For information, please contact Pat Liesch (835-1363) or Anne Felton (639-3011). A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign up to let us know when you are available.

Letters

Thanks from Domestic Disaster Fund

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your support of the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response. Probably never before has there been such a need for your help for domestic disaster victims. The year began with major storms and floods in the northwest and major snows in the upper Midwest. It continued with the "Great Flood of 1997" on the Ohio River, and

the very destructive tornadoes which hit Arkansas. The devastating floods which spread across the valleys of the Minnesota and Red Rivers ultimately drove more than 60,000 people out of their homes.

Gifts like yours enable us to respond to these and the many other less known disasters which have also caused misery to our citizens. In the Red River Valley, we have been able to provide food, shelter, nursing home beds, coordinators for groups of volunteers, counseling and training for care-givers, and help for congregations

HELP WANTED

Wanted: Sunday School teachers for Sunday School 1997-98. We have openings for the following positions:

- ◆ Team teachers for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds
- ◆ Teachers for the second and third grades
- ◆ Team teachers for seventh and eighth grades
- ◆ Leaders for our music program
- ◆ Sunday School co-Superintendent.

If interested, contact Pat Liesch (835-1363) or Grace Falaschi (632-2147).

which haven't been able to pay their staff or essential bills.

Recovery for some communities will take one (or perhaps many) years. Our commitment is to stay with the suffering people for the long run. We don't want to abandon our Lutheran family or their neighbors. It is the nature of Christ's followers to want to "bear one another's burdens."

Thank you for your generosity.

Your servant in Christ,

Roger O. Livdahl, Director

ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeals

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.



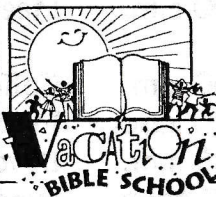

PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST:

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| August 5 | 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 |
| August 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Meet at River Run Restaurant |
| August 19 | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee & Conversation |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Musical selections by Kids of Emmaus |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Devotions |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Social activities |
| August 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee & Conversation |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Al Beck |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Devotions |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Social activities |



August Birthdays - 70 Years and Onward

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| August 1 | George Mathieus | 2015 Prospect Street | 53404 |
| August 4 | Don Gueldenzopf | 1937 Jupiter Avenue | 53404 |
| August 8 | Dorothy Holtz | 2200 Carlisle Avenue | 53404 |
| August 8 | Norman Sorensen | 3124 N. Green Bay Road | 53404 |
| August 9 | Edith Jansen | 1835 Polaris Avenue | 53404 |
| August 10 | Margaret Christensen | 221 William Street | 53402 |
| August 12 | Al Beck | 733 West Lawn Avenue | 53405 |
| August 14 | Robert Lawrenz | 1921 Mount Pleasant Street | 53404 |
| August 22 | Jo Baggesen | 5810 Lincoln Village Dr. #105 | 53406 |
| August 25 | Harold Traeger | 5407 Norman Street | 53406 |
| August 28 | Caroline Schultz | 812 Illinois Street | 53405 |

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine Phone 414/634-5515					<h1>August, 1997</h1>	
					1	2 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Paul on vacation July 31-Aug. 3</i>						
3 11th Sun. after Pentecost 9:15 am Worship Service LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship Payment deadline for AAL Day at the Brewers	4 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte. 7:30 pm WELCA Board	5 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at St. Andrew 7:15 pm Softball, Cliffside Park	6 	7 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	8 3:00 pm Woiteshek-Aurora-Cruz rehearsal	9 3:00 pm Woiteshek-Aurora-Cruz wedding 5:00 pm Worship Service
10 St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr 9:15 am Worship Service WOW Service of Word and Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship	11 	12 11:00 am Senior Fellowship Center meets at River Run Restaurant 5:00 pm TOPS 6:45 pm AMI meeting 7:15 pm Softball, Cliffside Park	13	14 5:30 pm Lincoln Lutheran Ice Cream Social	15 St. Mary, Mother of our Lord VISITOR DEADLINE	16 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.
Vacation Bible School Day Camp 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. ☺ Pre-school 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.						
17 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship	18 Pastor Paul & Pastor Mary on Retreat, Siena Center 6:30 pm Deacons meeting	19 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	20 TBA am Confirmation make-up session	21	22 7:00 pm AAL Night at the Brewers	23 5:00 pm Worship Service
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31 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Worship Service WOW Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	SEPT. 1 <i>Labor Day-office closed</i>	2 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Gethsemane	3 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Mary Schultz' 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 6:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	4 	5 pm Cislere-Babington rehearsal	6 1:30 pm Cislere-Babington wedding 5:00 pm Worship Service



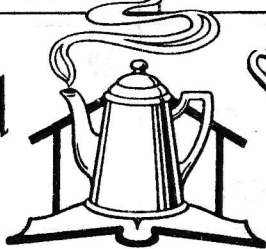
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS	GREETERS	FELLOWSHIP
Aug. 2 5:00 pm	Pat LeRoux-Sodke Julie Field				
Aug. 3 9:15 am	Judy Berndt Marge Jensen	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Ginny Dougall	TBA	Jeff & Linda Clinton
Aug. 10 9:15 am		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Gregg Albright	TBA	Gregg & Kylee Albright
Aug. 16 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen Sandy Zeleski				
Aug. 17 9:15 am	Anne Felton Maury Felton	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Al Svendsen	TBA	Marg. Christensen Audrey Rasmussen
Aug. 24 9:15 am		Team #3 Harold Miller	Kylee Albright	TBA	Joyce Kaiser (bakery)
Aug. 31 9:15 am		Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Bev Hansen	TBA	TBA
Sep. 6 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Marge Zielke				
Sep. 7 8:00 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Team #5 Jim Palmer	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sep. 7 10:30 am		Team #10 Bob Christensen	TBA	TBA	



Altar Flowers

Aug. 3 Jeff & Linda Clinton
 Aug. 10 Cheryl Dexter
 Aug. 17 Paul & Ellen Nuechterlein
 Aug. 24 Jess & Karen Sedgwick
 Aug. 31 available
 Sept. 7 Bernice Holding



Candle Care

Cheryl Dexter
 Kim Simonsen



Special Music

Dave Schulz
 Jim, Alyssa & Valerie Yorgan
 Jim, Amy Larsen, Austin Schultz
 Gary Wee; Ryan Sedgwick
 Caritas

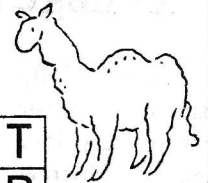
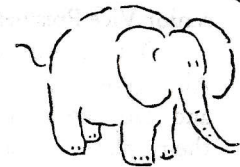


Just for KIDS

Hop on the Bus?

In Bible times it was not easy for people to travel or to transport items. There were no buses or airplanes or bicycles or cars or moving vans. So how did the people travel? How did they move things from place to place?

Find some answers in the Scriptures. Find others from hints given below. Fit the words into the puzzle.



Genesis 24:61

Genesis 22:3

Hybrids, Psalm 32:9

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Acts 8:28

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You just might want to study the Bible if...you think Colossians are something you wear on your feet in the rain.

Emmaus Members, Friends Adopt July Sundays

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

Jim & Nancy Martinsen, in honor of Samuel Bradford Kjome on his baptism.

Al & June Beck, celebrating their

50th anniversary.

Art & Nancy Smith and family, in honor of Pastor Mary.

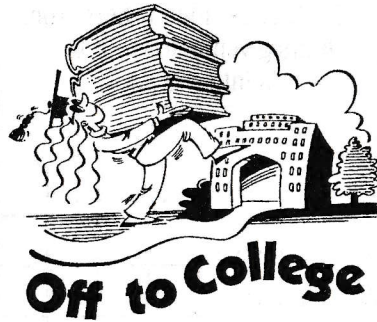
Jim & Nancy Martinsen, in honor of Al & June Beck.

Lucille Adams-Dudek, in memory of George R. Dudek.

College-Bound Students: Keep in Touch!

One chilly day in October not so very long ago, Hoernel University sophomore Trent Hayek checked his P.O. box to see if he had received any mail that day. To his immense disappointment, his P.O. box was empty for the third day in a row. So distraught was Trent that on that very afternoon, he flunked an important mid-term exam for which he had spent an entire week studying.

Meanwhile, across the country at St. Kaitlyn College, junior Ashley Traynor checked her P.O. box and found therein her copy of her home congregation's monthly newsletter. She spent her lunch hour catching up on the news from home, and armed with this knowledge, was able to whip off the most impressive term paper on the impact of Hegelian philosophy upon particle physics her professor had ever seen. A recommendation from that professor led to a job with Industrial Light and Magic, where she is now



senior Vice President.

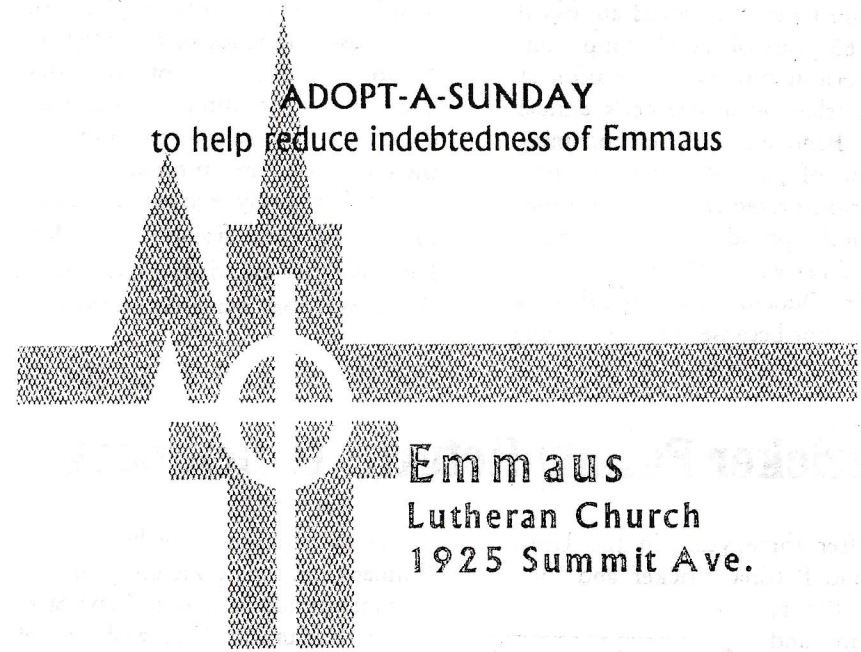
The lesson is clear. All-nighters, study groups and lab work may have their place in a college education, but so does keeping in touch with the folks back home. Let the Emmaus church office know your campus address so that you can receive your

Emmaus *Visitor* every month. And for Pete's sake, write your mother once in a while.

Youth Birthdays

Aug. 1	Amanda Lawler	15
Aug. 4	Matt Nuechterlein	9
Aug. 10	Nikie Christensen	19
Aug. 10	Matt Sawalski	3
Aug. 13	Alec Sawalski	5
Aug. 15	Adam Skelley	3
Aug. 16	Sarah Knuteson	19
Aug. 21	Josh Sanders	17
Aug. 21	Stephen Mayer	7
Aug. 24	Chris Sedgwick	13
Aug. 26	Sarah Fiebig	17
Aug. 26	David Lopez	8
Aug. 28	Scott Rudey	15
Aug. 30	Marissa Connet	8

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In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Julia Durand Honored for Service

Julia Durand received an award for her 65 years of membership from the American Nurses' Association at the Kenosha-Racine chapter's annual Spring Banquet. The incoming president of the Wisconsin Nurses' Association presented her with a pin, and local president Carol Huss presented her with a plaque.

Mrs. Durand reports that this is a special honor because very few people

maintain their membership in the nurses' association for such a long time. A former treasurer of the state association, she continues to be active as the chair of the selection committee for the Nurse Scholarship Award.

"I have really enjoyed it, and have met many good friends," says Mrs. Durand of her experience in the ANA. "It's never work when you enjoy it."

Stricker Family Returns to Denmark

After three years in the USA, Steen and Bettina Stricker and their sons, Esben, Christian and Kasper, are moving back to Denmark at the end of July. Steen was temporarily stationed here in Racine working for Danfoss.

"We are very grateful for the

Christian fellowship we have had at Emmaus and the opportunity to meet some wonderful people," says Steen for the family. "We wish you all God's blessings."

The Strickers encourage any Emmaus members who may be Denmark-bound to look them up. Their phone number (with country code) is 0-11-45-7448-6687. Their address is:

Sankelmarkvej 34
DK-6400 Sønderborg
Denmark



Report from the Northside Food Pantry as of June 30, 1997

Figures for May and June:
Number of people served: 314
Money received: \$660.00
Trinity UMC \$160.00
Second Presbyterian .. \$500.00

Money spent: \$729.16
Checkbook balance \$2,757.35

--Mary Haas
Food Pantry Coordinator, 639-5149

A Cappella Choir to Hold Auditions

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee invites qualified singers to audition for the 1997-1998 concert season. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, August 19 and Friday, August 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 23 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. Please contact David Mohr, Music Director, at 774-1775 to set up an audition appointment.

Meal Site Names Co-Directors

The Racine Mission Cluster Council is pleased to have Beverly Rautenberg and Sue Paksi working as Co-Directors of the cluster-sponsored Sunday evening meal site at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. They blend together well with strong backgrounds in service to others, compassion for the less fortunate and love for all.

Rautenberg, a student pastor at Emmaus in 1995, is currently serving as intern at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Erie Street. Rautenberg and Paksi succeed Donna Bumpus, who directed the meal site from 1993 to 1996.

Your prayers for the meal site are always needed and your help is always welcomed.

The cluster meal site is open to all on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our Savior's is located at the corner of Washington and Taylor Avenues near Uptown.

Respite Services Seeks Volunteers

Witness the miracle that occurs when people care for and about each other in a special way. Wherever there

are people, there are those who need care and those who have care to give. Faith is enriched by both of them.

At Respite Services, volunteers are trained to offer companionship to elderly and chronically ill care receivers so that family caregivers can rejuvenate themselves or deal with other factors in their lives. This is done in the home or in a group setting (Harmony Club) under the guidance of a professional nurse.

To visit a Harmony Club or to find out more about how you and your congregation can help this program with time or monetary gifts, call 632-9828.

Jars of Clay to Play Green Bay

The Power of One will bring Jars of Clay ("Flood"), Vigilantes of Love, Plumb, Big Tent Revival, Reality Check, and The Waiting to the Brown County Arena in Green Bay on November 1. The featured speaker is Duffy Robbins.

Contact Life Promotions at 1-800-955-LIFE, by US Mail at 213 E. College Avenue, Appleton 54911-5712, or by e-mail at lifepromotions@juno.com.

Family Reunion at Festival Park

Racine Festival Park will host the second annual Family Reunion Celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday August 23. You are invited to come for entertainment, student art, ethnic foods and kids' activities. See the mall of ethnic displays, the Imaginarium, and community displays. Admission is free.

Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA: ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES are life-changing

In August, our ELCA Churchwide Assembly will consider three very important ecumenical proposals: the *Concordat of Agreement* with the Episcopal Church; the *Formula of Agreement* with the Presbyterian Church-USA, the Reformed Church in America, and the United Church of Christ; and a *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* with the Roman Catholic Church.

All three proposals are motivated by our understanding that we are joined together with all Christians to be Christ's mission in the world. When we look at Scripture, we see that in Jesus' high priestly prayer for the unity of the church: "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." —John 17:1

The ELCA Constitution states that we seek in faith and life "to manifest the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity with the Spirit gives." Thus we reach out to discover the unity that is ours in Jesus Christ and attempting to make that unity more visible to the world.

ELCA-Reformed Churches

The *Formula for Agreement* with the Reformed Churches is the product of nearly 35 years of official discussions. It proposes that we enter into Full Communion on the basis of seven points of action:

1. That we recognize each other as churches in which the Gospel is rightly

preached and the sacraments rightly administered according to the Word of God;

2. that we withdraw any historic condemnation by one side or the other as inappropriate for the faith and life of our churches today;
3. that we continue to recognize each other's Baptism and authorize and encourage the sharing of the Lord's Supper among our members;
4. that we recognize each other's various ministries and make provision for the orderly exchange of ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament;
5. that we establish appropriate channels of consultation and decision-making within the existing structures of the churches;
6. that we commit ourselves to an ongoing process of theological dialogue in order to clarify further the common understanding of the faith and foster its common expression in evangelism, witness, and service;
7. that we pledge ourselves to living together under the Gospel in such a way that the principle of mutual affirmation and admonition becomes the basis of a trusting relationship in which respect and love for the other will have a chance to grow.

ELCA-Episcopal Church

The *Concordat of Agreement* with the Episcopal Church is the result of dialogues begun in 1969. It asks both churches to recognize in each other the essentials of one catholic and apostolic faith; to

acknowledge that one another's ordained ministries are given by God to be instruments of God's grace; that the threefold ministry of bishops, presbyters, and deacons in historic succession will be the future pattern of the one ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament; and that on an invariable basis at least three bishops of each other's churches will be present for the installation/ordination of new bishops of the two churches.

The Concordat asks the Episcopal Church to recognize the full authenticity of the ELCA's currently ordained ministries; to begin a temporary suspension of the 17th Century restriction that "no persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in [the Episcopal] church unless they are ordained by Bishops in the Historic Episcopate"; and to endorse the Lutheran affirmation that the historic catholic episcopate under the Word of God must always serve the Gospel, and that the ultimate authority under which bishops preach and teach is the Gospel itself.

The Concordat asks the ELCA:

1. to agree that all bishops will be understood to be installed/ordained for life service of the Gospel, even though their tenure in office may be terminated by retirement, resignation, or conclusion of elected term;
2. to revise our rite for Installation of a Bishop to incorporate the participation of Lutheran and Episcopal bishops in prayer and the laying on of hands;
3. to make constitutional and liturgical provision that only bishops shall ordain clergy;
4. and to begin a process so that ordained ministers of the Episcopal Church not be required for ordination to subscribe

to the Augsburg Confession and the other Confessional writings of the *Book of Concord* so that there might be full interchangeability and reciprocity of bishops, pastors, and deacons between the churches.

The Concordat also calls for joint planning for mission, a joined ecumenical /doctrinal/liturgical commission, and ongoing consultation with one another.

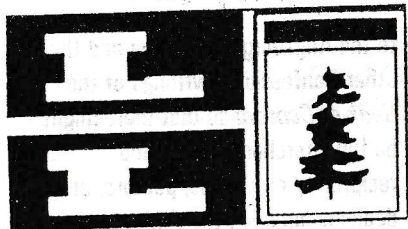
ELCA-Roman Catholic Church

The *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* is a proposed international statement developed jointly by Lutherans and Roman Catholics over the course of many years. The subject has its roots in the 16th Century Lutheran Reformation, when Lutherans and Roman Catholics issued condemnations toward each other on the teaching of justification.

The Lutheran World Federation has asked that its member churches consider this proposal. If a positive Lutheran consensus is found through the responses of the 122 member churches, and if the Vatican formally affirms the statement, both parties could acknowledge that the condemnations of the 16th Century no longer apply. This would represent a major ecumenical step on the eve of a new millennium!

In the words of the statement, gratitude to God can be expressed "for this decisive step forward on the way to overcoming" past divisions and for seeking to reflect more visible unity.

Please see the article on the *Greater Milwaukee Synod's spring Assembly for more on the topic of these ecumenical proposals.*



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Pastor Paul's Column

Summertime Reflections

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

Just a few summertime reflections to share with you at mid-summer.

...My week at Lutherdale Bible Camp was enjoyable and refreshing. It is especially invigorating to watch these young adult counselors share their faith and Christ's love in such strong ways. They do a terrific job of making Bible study and worship fun.

Fifteen of our young people enjoyed a week there: Nathan Albright, Ken Larsen, Jill Lynch, Joel and Matthew Nuechterlein, Jennifer Olson, Jonathan Pechman, Danielle Pipol, Destiny Rodriguez, Austin Schultz, Chris Sedgwick, Erin & Justin Svoboda, Erin Tussler, and Valerie Yorgan.

Several members of the Lutherdale staff will be here in August to lead our Vacation Bible School. Lutherdale is a wonderful resource close by to us that we could probably try to find ways of utilizing even more.

...With the retirement of Sandy Strini from our high school youth after so many years, several new people are beginning to plan ahead. Cindi Larsen and David Christensen will be helping to lead the high school youth this coming year, with assistance from myself and Youth Committee chair Chris Olson. We want to take a look at the big picture already this summer to be ready for any special trips. If we want to take a trip to a workcamp, for example, the time is now to begin planning. Working toward a major trip

is something that can help solidify the group throughout the next school year. If you have any input on making a major trip, please speak to any of these four folks.

...You may have read in council minutes, the *Visitor*, or heard through the grapevine about the "Secret Visitors" program that went on this spring among our cluster churches in Racine. About a dozen churches trained secret visitors to go to each other's churches and report on the atmosphere of hospitality. They

evaluated all kinds of things from ease of finding the church, to parking, to following along in the worship, and, of course, the friendliness of the people.

I am happy to say that the secret visitors who came to Emmaus gave a glowing report to our Church Council at its June meeting. They had a warm, uplifting experience among us on a Sunday morning, with many people welcoming them. Let's keep it up! Don't be shy about welcoming folks you don't know.

...On vacation we had the opportunity to be "secret visitors" at two churches while we traveled. We could hardly have had two experiences that were more different! The first week, nobody greeted us; the second week, people greeted us before, during, and after. It made a big difference to our



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Pastor Paul's Column continued

whole worship experience those two weeks.

...Have you had your vacation time yet this summer? I hope you have a refreshing and safe one. And, to echo the theme of the sermon a couple weeks ago: Summer is not the time to "wind

down." It is our special time to "rev up" our engines for the challenges ahead. *"Down time" is "up time" if it's God's time.*

In Christ,

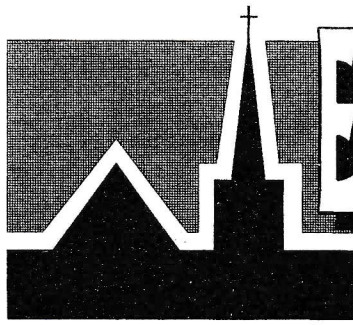
Pastor Paul

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September, 1997

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Emmaus Kicks Off the 10:30 '97 Fall Season worship service.

The Sunday School, and Congregational Life and 2001—Faith Odyssey Committees have planned exciting events for Rally Day this year. Sunday School, Adult Forum and the fall schedule resume, and there will be a big picnic for the whole congregation.

Worship at 8:00 & 10:30

Emmaus will return to the fall schedule on Rally Day, September 7. Sunday services will be held at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.; Saturday services continue at 5:00 p.m.

If you're coming to the 10:30 service on the seventh, remember to dress casually, because the all-congregation picnic will start right away after the service!

Sunday School starts

Sunday School starts at 9:15 on September 7 with our Rally Day kick-off. Teachers will be installed during

the 10:30 worship service. Parents, please bring your children to the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m., so they can meet their teachers. We've planned some fun activities and some treats for the kids. Please wear casual clothes!

Regular Sunday School will continue weekly starting September 14, with a new and exciting curriculum. Hope to see you there!

Picnic at 11:30

The 10:30 service will end at 11:30 sharp (even if we have to interrupt Mary's sermon) so we can all go outside to the all-congregation picnic. The Congregational Life Committee will provide hot dogs, brats, potato salad, beans, chips, lemonade and ice cream cups; members may bring a dessert to share if they wish. A free-will offering will be taken.

And, just to reassure all you Packer fans, we absolutely, positively guarantee that we will be done in time for you to catch *their* opening kick-off.

PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings: August 9: Maria Cruz and Dwight Woiteshek
August 23: Joan Peterson and Jon Frickensmith

Pastor Paul united Maria Cruz and Dr. Dwight Woiteshek in holy matrimony in a ceremony at Emmaus. The bride is an Intensive Care Unit nurse, and the groom is an orthopedic surgeon who grew up in Racine. The couple now live in Shorewood, Illinois.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Jon Frickensmith and Joan Peterson, who were married at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church on August 23. Pastor Paul co-officiated with Father Paul Esser. Jon is a member of Emmaus, and serves as one of the ushers at the late service.

Funerals: August 11: Barbara Jorgensen Sanders
August 13: James H. ("Andy") Andersen
August 18: Edward Slaggert, Jr.
August 26: Edith I. Horton Jansen

Barb Sanders, wife of Randy Sanders and mother of Josh, 17, and Katy, 13, ended her long battle with cancer on August 8. She had worked at Landmark Title Company. Nearly 400 people attended her funeral.

Jim and Marie Andersen joined the Emmaus family in June, 1996. Jim was retired, and is also survived by three daughters who are members of Emmaus: Chris Furuglyas, Kathy Soens, and Karen Andersen.

Pastor Paul presided at the funeral of Ellen's brother, Edward Slaggert, Jr., in Connecticut on August 18. He was a long-time designer and builder of stage sets on Broadway, with his most recent work done on Tony Award-winner "The Titanic."

Edith Jansen, widow of Edward Jansen, passed away on August 23. She had been a member of the Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center and the St. Mary's Medical Center Auxiliary. She retired in 1975 after working for 22 years at First National Bank and the North Side Bank.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of **Barbara Sanders**: \$475.00
In memory of **Mary Wisby**: \$15.00
In memory of **Edward Slaggert**: \$15.00

Memorials designated for Building Fund:

In memory of **Barbara Sanders**: \$25.00

Memorials designated for Choir Robes:

In memory of **Jim Andersen**: \$50.00

Honorarium designated for music:

In honor of **Al & June Beck**: \$10.00



8th-9th Grade Confirmation Class Moves to Sundays

The eighth and ninth grade confirmation class is making the move from Wednesday evenings to Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.). Pastors Mary and Paul



will continue to teach the classes.

Please make a note of the upcoming important dates for the fall session:

- Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m., Parent-student orientation meeting
- Sunday, Sept. 21, 9:15 a.m., first class session. Classes will meet on Sunday mornings through Nov. 16, with Nov. 2 off.

Mentor Program Is Home Stretch for 10th Grade Confirmands

Five tenth grade students—Kristen Andersen, David Lasko, Amanda Lawler, Scott Rudey, and Justin Svoboda—will be paired with adult members this fall who will play the role of "mentors." This is the last leg in a several-year journey on the way to Confirmation Day.

The important dates are:

- Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m., Student-mentor orientation meeting
- Sunday, October 26, 10:30 a.m. worship, the Rite of Confirmation

Wednesday Night Activities on Hold

With the move of confirmation class to Sunday morning, in addition to the continued search for a youth choir

director, Wednesday night activities will not begin this September. Stay tuned for further news.

Emmaus Kringles Complete 1997 Season

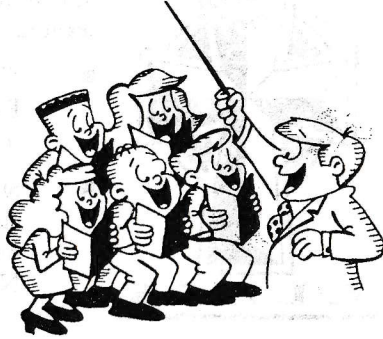
Our men's softball team, the Emmaus Kringles, enjoyed a fine season of recreation and Christian fellowship

this summer. A big thank-you goes out to Ed & Joan Simon for all their efforts to organize and lead the team.

8-88 Choir to Sing Sept. 7

Rally Day, Sunday, September 7, will be another opportunity for all worshipers who enjoy singing to join our 8 - 88 choir for the 10:30 service. If you cannot attend the Wednesday evening rehearsal (7:00 p.m. Sept. 3), there will be another opportunity to learn the music on

Sunday morning at 10:00.



We will gather in the choir room behind the balcony for a 10 or 15 minute rehearsal. Don't be shy! Everyone is welcome!

Nursery Available at 10:30 Service

Nursery service will be available to families of children aged infant to 3 years old during the 10:30 Sunday morning worship service.

The nursery is located on the basement level of Emmaus near the south entrance to the building.

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Senior Fellowship Center Director: Carol Eschmann Sunday School Superintendent: Pat Liesch
Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Sunday worship services are held at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. beginning September 7. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services at 9:15 a.m. Saturday services are held in the Sunset Room at 5:00 p.m.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Labor Day). The VISITOR is published monthly eleven times per year. The deadline for the October VISITOR is September 15.

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Youth News

Youth to Help with Rummage Sale

by Pat Liesch

We are starting to plan activities for the upcoming school year, and we need your input. We have some activities already planned, but additional ideas are needed.

We're going to kick off the year with a service project (maybe good for service points?). We'll meet at church at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 to help with the church rummage sale clean-up. We'll also need youth to help during the day. After the clean-up, we'll treat for pizza and do planning for the year.

Our tentative schedule is:

September 20: Rummage sale clean-up and pizza party and wreath sale

October 11: Road Rally

October 19: CROP Walk

November and December: Help plan for Sunday School program (other activities to be decided.)

January: Peppermint Gym party.

We also need to plan for several "youth" services, and perhaps a swimming or bowling party.

We hope to see you and your ideas at Sunday School and the Rummage Sale clean-up and pizza party on the twentieth.

Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 3 Rebecca Gottfredsen, 14
- Sept. 3 Nicole Larsen, 13
- Sept. 4 Adam Schultz, 18
- Sept. 7 Nate Pearson, 14
- Sept. 8 Chris Friis, 14
- Sept. 8 Ashley Konsinowski, 11
- Sept. 8 Nicholas Estep, 10
- Sept. 9 Nicole Maryland, 14
- Sept. 9 Andrew Reischl, 10
- Sept. 10 Brian Liesch, 6
- Sept. 14 Brittany Lasko, 1
- Sept. 16 Jason Meteyard, 17
- Sept. 17 Jon Oestreich, 6
- Sept. 17 Rachel Van Berg, 9
- Sept. 22 Valerie Yorgan, 12
- Sept. 23 Lucas Steffensen, 8
- Sept. 23 Eric Toslek, 18

25 Kids Have Fun at 1997 VBS

Twenty-five children from pre-school to fifth grade had fun and fellowship at Emmaus Vacation Bible School the week of August 11-15. The weather was a bit on the cool and damp side, so we weren't able to do as much in the way of outdoor activities as we would have liked, but indoor activities such as arts and crafts, Bible study, and games kept the kids busy. The kids put together a program for their families on Friday.

We want to thank Andy and Elizabeth Hetchler for hosting our Lutherdale VBS counselors at their home. Thanks also to Liz Hetchler and Kris Smith for leading the pre-school VBS program; to Jonathan Pechman for being our all-round helper; and also to Kristen Clinton, Cathy Knuteson, and Denise Pipol for their assistance. We could not have a successful VBS program without our volunteers!

Sunday School to Present "75 Angels"

We are looking for a few good Sunday School Christmas program assistants to prepare a slide presentation of the Christmas story. Needed are photographers, wardrobe personnel, location directors, set designers, animal controllers, music director, etc.

If you're interested in helping with the program, please call Cindi Larsen (681-0282 after 4:30 p.m.). We'll set up a meeting date in mid-September



to begin further planning to work with the BIC youth group in the creation of this program.

Third Grade Teacher Needed

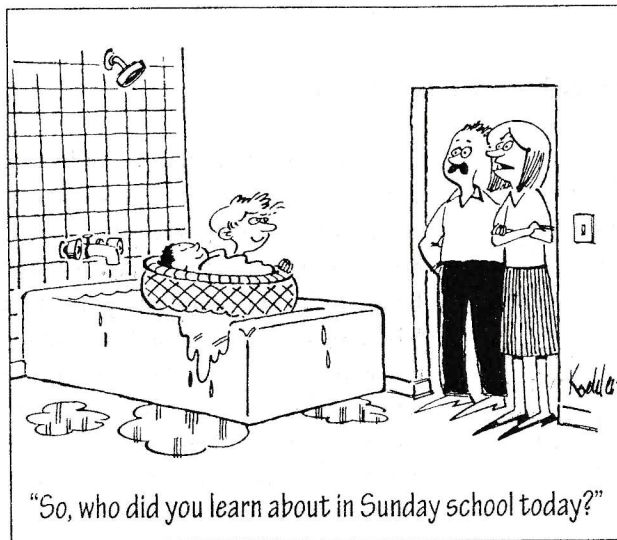
As the *Visitor* goes to press, the Sunday School is still looking for a teacher for the third grade class. This can be a team position. Please contact Pat Liesch (835-1363) or Pastor Mary ASAP.

Register Now for Early Communion

Emmaus again offers 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 2 need to register their intentions by September 21. 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.



News of Our Members

Nursing School to Honor Marian Bower

St. Luke's School of Nursing will honor Marian Bower on the occasion of her 80th birthday with a pot luck luncheon at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 7. Marian was Director of the school from 1964 to 1979. Family, friends, faculty, co-workers and graduates of the school are invited to

help celebrate.

Marian has requested that in lieu of gifts to her, people are invited to contribute to the Nurses Foundation. For information, call Rosemary Harbach (886-9068), Amy Hill (639-6434) or Donna Lathrop (639-5288).

REST Program Begins Fifth Year

Fall is here, and soon the REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce) will be in full swing again. Starting October 3, Emmaus will once again host REST participants from 7:00 p.m. Friday to 7:00 a.m. Saturday.

We need food items, personal toiletries (especially toothpaste and toothbrushes), money and especially *volunteers*. Our sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex, starting Rally Day, September 7.

At the present time, Emmaus volunteers will be covering the first, third and fourth Fridays out of every four. Good Shepherd Lutheran will cover the second Friday. We are attempting to locate another church to cover the fourth Friday.

Please volunteer today. Your help is needed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Palmer 681-2363, or Pat Liesch, 835-1363.

Emmaus Is Among Top 5 Donors to 1996 CROP Walk

Emmaus Lutheran Church ranked fifth in the amount raised for Racine's 1996 CROP Walk, generating \$1,603 to help feed the hungry in Racine and around the world. Racine walkers raised a total of \$19,312.27, up \$3,000 from 1995.

\$4,746.25 of the Racine total was earmarked for Project Emergency, which distributes food to area shelters, meal sites, and food pantries.

It's time to begin gearing up for

CROP Walk 1997. While CROP Walk has usually taken place on the second Sunday of October, it will be held October 19 this year in order that it not conflict with any Green Bay Packer games. (It's so hard to carry a TV set for ten kilometers, don'tchaknow.)

Cindi Larsen (681-0282) will be our contact person this year. We encourage all youth and other members to participate in this worthwhile event. Watch for more details in the narthex.

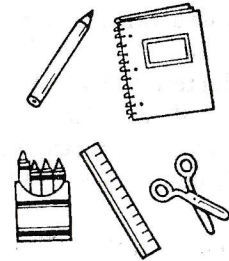
Lutheran World Relief Seeks School and Health Kits

Our annual collection for Lutheran World Relief takes place through the month of September. The train is coming in October 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. A basket for donated items are located in our narthex. Cash donations may also be made through the church office. Collection date for the Racine-Kenosha area will be October 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon in Sturtevant.

School Kits

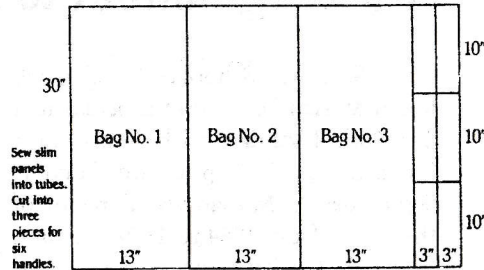
School kits are a way to tell children whose lives have been disrupted by war or natural disaster that someone far away cares about them. Adults in literacy classes also appreciate



the supplies needed to learn reading and writing.

Each school kit should contain:

- ▶ Pads or notebooks of 100-150 sheets of ruled paper approximately 8½"x11".
- ▶ One blunt scissors. The "safety" scissors with imbedded steel blades are an excellent choice.
- ▶ One 30-cm (12") metric ruler (very few countries measure in inches).
- ▶ One pencil sharpener.
- ▶ Six new pencils with erasers.



Sew slim panels into tubes. Cut into three pieces for six handles.

- ▶ One eraser about 2½" long.
- ▶ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors.
- ▶ One box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons.
- ▶ One cloth bag about 12"x14" with cloth handles.
Pack all the items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands if you wish.

Health Kits

Clean hands, good grooming, bright and shining smiles—you can help bring them about through the gift of health kits. Each kit should contain:

- ▶ One hand towel.
- ▶ One washcloth.
- ▶ One bath-size bar of any brand of soap.
- ▶ One toothbrush.
- ▶ One 5-7 oz. tube of toothpaste.
- ▶ One comb.
- ▶ One metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached.
- ▶ Six bandages, preferably ½-¾".

Wrap all the smaller items in the towel, or pack in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

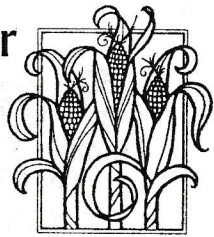


Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center

Director: Carol Eschmann

Opens Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. with coffee;

Programs begin at 10:30. Activities run to 3:00



September

PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER:

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| Sept. 2 | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee & conversation |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Hats—bring a hat or a memory of a special hat to share |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Devotions |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Social activities |
| Sept. 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee & conversation |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Al Beck |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Devotions |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Social activities |
| Sept. 16 | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee & conversation |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Carol Eschmann: Health Forum; blood pressure |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Devotions |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Social activities |
| Sept. 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee & conversation |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Peggy Isaacson: Quilts |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Devotions |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Social activities |
| Sept. 30 | 11:00 a.m. | Lunch at Hamzi's |
| | 11:45 a.m. | Devotions |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Social activities |


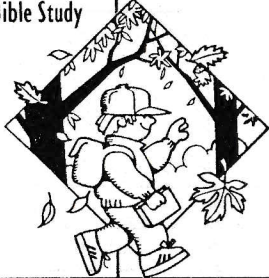



Grandparents Day



September Birthdays — 70 Years and Greater

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| 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 |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept., 1997 Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, WI 53404 414 634-5515	1  LABOR DAY Office closed	2 9:15 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Cluster Council at Johnson Park	3 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Mary Schultz' 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 6:00 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm 8-88 Choir rehearsal	4	5 6:30 pm Cisler-Babington rehearsal	6 1:30 pm Cisler-Babington wedding 5:00 pm Worship Service
	7 RALLY DAY! 8:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion: LBW Setting 2 9:15 am Rally Day: Sunday School registration 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:00 am 8-88 Choir rehearsal 10:30 am Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30 am CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC 1:30 pm Marian Bower luncheon	8 6:30 pm WELCA Board 6:30 pm Church Council	9 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center TBA pm Rock Concert 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'	10 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice 7:00 pm Emmaus invited to Revival at Fellowship Missionary Baptist, 2049 Summit	11 7:00-8:15 pm Bible Study 	12
14 Holy Cross Day 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word and Prayer 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word and Prayer	15 Visitor deadline 6:30 pm Education Committee	16 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	17 7:00 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation meeting with parents 7:00 pm Meeting of 10th graders and mentors 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	18		19
Bring your items for the rummage sale Sept. 17-19						
21 Feast Day of St. Matthew 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion: Chicago Folk Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am 8th-9th Grade Confirmation 9:20 am Adult Forum	22 TBA pm WELCA Study leaders	23 9:30 am Cluster Clergy mtg. at Redeemer 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	24 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice 	25	26	27 8:30 am WELCA Cluster brunch at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran 5:00 pm Worship Service
Pastor Mary on vacation in N. Dakota, Sept. 25-30						
28 19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word and Prayer 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am 8th-9th grade confirmation 9:15 am Adult Forum	29 St. Michael & All Angels	30 9:15 am Staff meeting 11:00 am Senior Fellowship Center meets at Hamzi's Restaurant 5:00 TOPS	October 1 1:30 pm Mary and Rebecca Circles 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	2 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 7:00 pm REST	4 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.
Pastor Mary on vacation in North Dakota September 25-30						

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Sep. 6 5:00 pm		Marian Andersen Marge Zielke		
Sep. 7 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Cindi Larsen
Sep. 7 10:30 am	Jon Pechman Eric Van Berg	Ginny Haugsby Jan Haugsby	Team #10 Bob Christensen	Karen Sedgwick
Sep. 14 8:00 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann		Team #7 John Cook	Ruth Hlavka
Sep. 14 10:30 am	Nate Pearson Seth Yust		Team #2 Help wanted	David Christensen
Sep. 20 5:00 pm		Sharon Devine Cindy Cook		
Sep. 21 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Cathy Meyer
Sep. 21 10:30 am	Amanda Lawler Kristen Andersen	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Maury Felton
Sep. 28 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Kevin Meteyard		Team #3 Harold Miller	Betty Barth
Sep. 28 10:30 am	Chris Sedgwick Erin Svoboda		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Jerry Hierseman
Oct. 4 5:00 pm		TBA		
Oct. 5 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	TBA	Team #5 Jim Palmer	TBA
Oct. 5 10:30 am	Matt Liesch P.J. Liesch	TBA	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	TBA

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sep. 7: Bernice Holding
 Set. 14: Rich & Kathy Christensen
 Sep. 21: Bob & Beth Naughton
 Sep. 28: Jim Andersen, Doris Jensen
 Oct. 5: Julia Durand

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP CANDLE CARE

Deacons Kim Simonsen
 TBA (through Sept.)
 TBA
 TBA
 Please sign up! Ruth Estep

Emmaus Hosts Rummage Sale September 20

Get ready for our rummage and bake sale to be held on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We'll be selling general merchandise and kids' clothing. No adult clothing, please!



Please bring your treasures to church starting Wednesday, September 17. We'll be setting up and will start pricing around 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, continuing as necessary on Thursday and Friday. If you can work or bake, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Pat Liesch (835-1363), Cheryl Dexter (554-1322) or Anne Felton (639-3011).

WELCA Bulletins

Women's Circles Resume Meetings

Women's Circles resume monthly meetings in September. All women are invited to join a circle which fits your schedule: Mary Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in members' homes (contact Kathy Christensen, 886-2151). Rebecca Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in the Sunset Room at church (contact Jan Svendsen, 634-8295). Miriam Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at members' homes (contact Cheryl Dexter, 554-1322).

Members of Miriam Circle: please note that this month's meeting will be 7:00 p.m. September 9 at Jan Sukus' home, not at Cathy Meyer's as originally scheduled.

Cluster Brunch

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, on Green Bay Road at 16th Street, will host the Racine Cluster

WELCA Fall Brunch on Saturday, September 27. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.; the program runs from 9:00 to noon.

Carthage professor Dr. Charlotte Chell will discuss "Global Sharing: A Goal of Katie's Fund." The cost is \$4.00. Emmaus needs to call our reservation count by September 22, so please contact your circle leader today.

Lutherdale Hosts Auction and Pig Roast

Lutherdale Bible Camp, on U.S. Hwy. 12 between Elkhorn and Whitewater, will host its annual Quilt Auction and Pig Roast Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Auction items may be previewed Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; refreshments and tours are available both days.

The event is sponsored by Aid Association for Lutheran branches.

High Blood Pressure Can Be Too Much of a Good Thing

by Carol Eschmann, RN

Many of you have asked what the numbers in your blood pressure mean. Your blood pressure reading is an important indication of your health. Everyone has blood pressure. Without it, the blood couldn't circulate in our bodies. In all human beings, blood pressure varies from day to day and from moment to moment.

Blood pressure is the force that the blood exerts on the walls of the blood vessels. The heart, acting as a pump, forces blood through the body's blood vessels and causes blood pressure. When the heart beats, the blood goes into the arteries under pressure.

There is an "upper" and a "lower" blood pressure. The "upper" blood pressure is called the systolic blood pressure. The "lower" blood pressure is called the diastolic blood pressure. The top number (the systolic blood pressure) is the pressure of the blood in the arteries when the heart beats. Normal systolic blood pressures range from 120 to 140. The bottom number (the diastolic blood pressure) is the pressure of the blood in the arteries when the heart is at rest between beats. Normal diastolic blood pressures range from 60 to 90. The more difficult it is for the blood to flow through your arteries, the higher the numbers.

High blood pressure is also called hypertension. Hypertension cannot be cured, but it can be controlled. Uncontrolled high blood pressure adds to the workload of the heart and arteries. The heart, forced to work harder than normal over a long period, has a hard time keeping up with the body's demands.



There are several factors that may contribute to high blood pressure. Some risk factors cannot

be changed. These are age, race, family history and sex. Risk factors that *can* be changed include smoking, obesity, alcohol use, and stress.

There are some things you can do to control high blood pressure. Management of risk factors that can be changed include quitting smoking, moderation of alcohol use and management of stress. Often a person with mild elevations of blood pressure can benefit by weight reduction and increase in exercise. Medications may also be prescribed by your doctor. If a person has high blood pressure, they should follow doctor's advice and stay on their medication and/or diet.

I can be contacted either through the church secretary or you may contact me at home. My phone number is 835-2372. I pray for your continued health.

Neighbors Invite Emmaus September 10

Our neighbors at Fellowship Missionary Baptist church (one block north at 2049 Summit) are planning annual revival services beginning September 8, and have invited us to be their special guests on Wednesday evening, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. The invitation comes from Pastor Jimmie Lockridge and members of the church.

The theme of the revival is

"Walking With God." Guest evangelist Pastor Willie Anderson from Shiloh Revival Church in Riverbank, California will speak. Here is an opportunity to get to know our neighbors because of *their* hospitality to us. How will we respond?

If you would like to join Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul for the revival meeting, contact the church office or one of them.

ELCA Assembly Approves Full Communion with Reformed Churches

The biennial national assembly of the ELCA approved entering into "full communion" with the Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, and the Reformed Church in America, known collectively as the Reformed Churches, by a vote of 839 to 193. A parallel resolution to enter into full communion with the Episcopal Church failed by six votes to attain the two-thirds majority required for adoption.

The Reformed Churches and Episcopal Church had approved entering into full communion with each other and with the ELCA at their annual conventions earlier this year, although the regional Presbyterian church bodies must still approve it.

In reports to the assembly from the various seminaries of the ELCA, some concern had been expressed concerning full communion with the

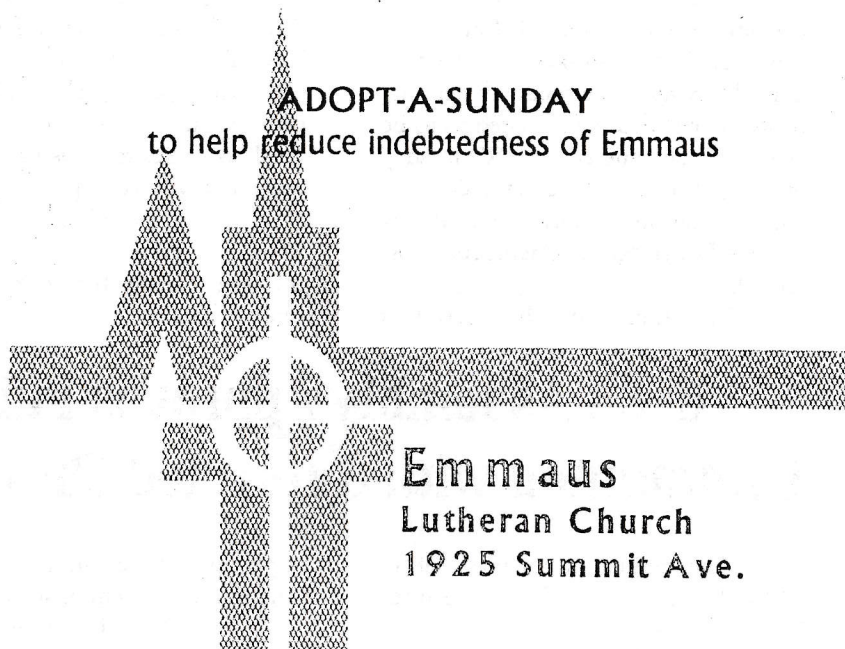
Episcopal Church on the grounds that the more hierarchical structure of the Episcopalian Church would "drive a wedge between bishops and pastors and between clergy and laity" (Trinity Lutheran Seminary), yet no seminary opposed the proposal. The proposal was supported by most regional ELCA assemblies, save in Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, and parts of Washington and Idaho.

The national assembly met in Philadelphia August 17-20.

Emmaus to Appear in Lutheran Magazine

Check the "Lite Side" feature of your October, 1997 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine for a surprise contribution from Emmaus.





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: _____

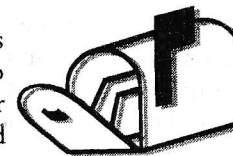
Letter

Thanks from Marie Andersen for Your Prayers

Dear friends at Emmaus,

It is with heartfelt thanks that Marie Andersen wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and memorials and flowers due to the recent loss of her husband, Jim.

You didn't get to know Jim really well, but he was happy to become a member of Emmaus again. He knew I enjoyed being a member,



especially being able to sing in the choir.

Memorials will go towards the purchase of new choir robes, of which he would be very proud. A special thanks to Pastors Mary and Paul for their overwhelming support and prayers.

Thanks for all the hugs and God bless all!

—Marie Andersen

How to Spot A Lively Church

A lively church has parking problems; a dead church doesn't.

A lively church often changes the way things are; a dead church doesn't have to.

A lively church asks for more

program and missionary money; a dead church has plenty of money for what it does.

A lively church sees challenges and opportunities; a dead church sees problems and dangers.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, August: 1995: 166 1996: 150 1997: 142*

Average weekly attendance, Sept.: 1995: 207 1996: 184

*as of August 24, 1997

Financial Figures

	<u>Needed to meet budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Genl. Fund offerings received in July	\$15,337.00	\$11,499.75
Genl. Fund offerings as of 7/28/1997	\$115,991.00	\$107,974.34
Bldg. Fund offerings received in July	\$1,927.00	\$713.00
Bldg. Fund offerings as of 7/28/1997	\$11,389.00	\$7,695.00
Other designated gifts in July		\$2,784.35
Other designated gifts as of 7/28/1997		\$7,479.77
8/1 mortgage payment: Principal		473.63
Interest		\$1,450.16
Total		\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of July 11, 1997		\$214,651.15

Wisconsin Churches to Participate in AIDS Walk

The AIDS/HIV Ministry Committee of the Wisconsin Conference of Churches will be one of the recipients of proceeds from the AIDS Walk in Milwaukee on September 21. These funds will be used to support their educational work with congregations and communities and pastoral care services for persons affected by AIDS. What WCC receives from the proceeds is determined by the number of walkers from churches and how much they raise.

Walkers wishing to benefit WCC need to include the number 222 on their sponsors' form. Listing one's home congregation on the form does not guarantee that the walker's efforts will be included as part of the statewide effort of Wisconsin Council of Churches congregations.

Walkers must also check in at WCC's booth at the Walk before turning in their money and sponsor forms.

Emmanuel Offers Two Day Care Centers

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725 High Street, has openings for children aged 2½ (toilet trained) through 7 years at its The Growing Place Day Care Center. The center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A daily schedule includes play time both inside and outdoors, music and movement, arts and crafts, stories, games, meals, and naps.

Emmanuel also offers Little

Lamb Nursery School for children aged 3 or 4 years by September 1. Classes for 4-year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 3-year-olds attend on Tuesday and Thursday. All classes run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. September through May.

During chapel times, teachers use stories, songs and discussions which focus on such non-denominational Christian ideas as respect for others and their belongings, the wonderful world God has made, God's rules for us, and thankfulness. The daily schedule also includes play time, music and movement, art activities, stories, and preschool readiness activities.

Enrollment and tours of either The Growing Place or Little Lamb may be arranged by calling Karen Larson at 637-8343 (or 639-8483 on weekends or evenings).

SAFE Haven Hosts Open House

SAFE Haven, a Racine United Way Agency, will host an open house at 1030 Washington Avenue on September 17 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. You are invited to tour the building, meet members of the board, staff and volunteers. Food, drink, and program materials will all be free, served in their 100-year-old Victorian home.

SAFE Haven operates Racine Runaway, Racine Hotline, Parents Helpline, PhoneFriend, A Parent Connection and Independent Living Skills. RSVP to 637-9559 by September 12.

Inspire! ... A Fall Opportunity

I don't want it to end yet, but then again, I do. As we move from summer to fall, I have mixed feelings. I'll miss the milder temperatures, the schedule free of so many evening meetings, the longer days.

At the same time, I'm looking forward to seeing some faces that have been absent during the summer months. I also look forward to the different kind of energy that comes with a more full schedule and a bit more routine. I'm looking forward to seeing more kids around the church. And, I am especially looking forward to the new Bible Study beginning in September—Inspire!

(Incidentally, "inspire" means "to breathe life into" or "to move or guide by divine influence.")

Last year's response to Word Alive! was great, and this year it is my hope that there will be even more who will participate in the monthly study. Our focus for this year is Acts: See God's Amazing Grace. I recently had the privilege of meeting Sarah Henrich, the author of the study. As I had dinner with her and heard her present this study the following day, I couldn't help but be energized—not only by her animated style, but also by the energy and power of God through the Spirit that comes alive in the Book of Acts.

What does the author of Luke-Acts have to say about God's power at work? What does God's power look like? And as we relate this study to our own lives, can we sense the spirit moving among us at Emmaus and throughout the church worldwide? Considering God's words addressed to the early church and connecting it to

our present day situation will be an important part of the study.

It would be wonderful to have Sarah Henrich teach the series on Acts herself, but her duties are at Luther Seminary as a New Testament professor. So, we'll depend on the *very* best teacher available to lead us—led by the Holy Spirit, we will study this word together, learning, stretching, asking questions and allowing God to open our eyes in new ways.

I'd like to see *record numbers* for this Bible study and ask *you* to prayerfully consider being a part of this on-going adventure. Once again this fall, two opportunities will be offered—the second Sunday of the month and the preceding Thursday evening. The fall schedule is:

Thursdays,	Sundays
<u>7:00-8:15 p.m.</u>	<u>9:20-10:15 a.m.</u>
Sept. 11	Sept. 14
Oct. 9	Oct. 12
Nov. 6	Nov. 9

Sign up in the narthex or call the church office to order your own copy of the participants' book for the study. The cost per book is \$7.00.

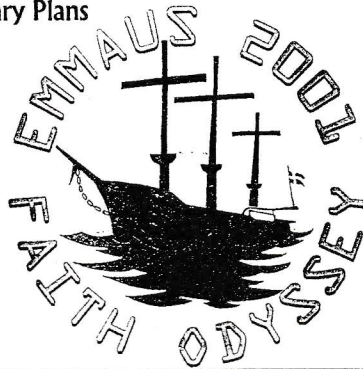
I hope that you are planning to be a part of the new opportunities that fall brings and that you will join me in studying God's word on a regular basis. (For you who are most eager, reading Acts 1 and 2 prior to the first session will give you some background.)

May your fall bring new blessings and opportunities to you!

In the Spirit's love,
Pastor Mary

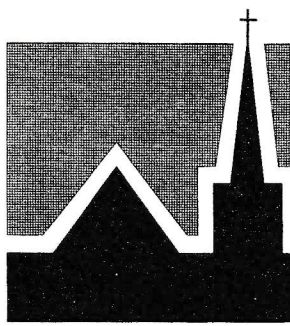
Featured Events on September 7

- 8:00 & Worship Services with Holy Communion
10:30 ▶ Announcement of pledges for 2001 Debt Retirement
- 9:15 Sunday School begins
▶ "Leave Your Imprint" Kids' painting
- 9:20 Adult Forum, led by Cathy Knuteson: Update on Heritage Workshop & 150th Anniversary Plans
- 10:30 Installation of Sunday School teachers
- 10:30 8-88 Choir during Festival worship
- 11:30 All-congregational picnic
- 1:30 Birthday Tribute for Marian Bower



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October, 1997

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I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me

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 thermal underwear, personal size toiletries and bus tokens; and monetary donations will be used to purchase supplies which run short.

The Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce program begins its fifth 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, starting October 3. 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. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church members will staff our REST site one week per month (beginning October 10, and afterward the first Friday of the month).

The REST program depends on volunteers. To volunteer your time for a shift, please sign up on the poster in

Help for the



Homeless

Lurking in the October VISITOR:

- ☺ Tenth Grade Confirmation Is October 26
- ☺ Service of the Word for Healing October 15
- ☺ School Kits and Quilts for LWR due October 5
- ☺ CROP Walk Is October 19



PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding
 Sept. 6, 1997 Rachelle Cisler & Eric Babington

Eric Babington was confirmed here in 1991. He works at Specialty Finishing; Rachelle works at Dyna-seal. The couple live in Racine.

MEMORIALS

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Edith I. Jansen: \$55.00

In memory of Dean Jensen: \$25.00

In memory of Barb Sanders: \$25.00

Debt Retirement:

In memory of Edward Slaggert: \$25.00

In memory of Vic & Leah Anderson: \$100.00

Choir Robes:

In memory of James Andersen: \$25.00

With One Voice Hymnals:

In memory of Barb Sanders: \$30.00



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 Senior Fellowship Center Director: Carol Eschmann

Sunday School Superintendent: 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.

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Emmaus Addresses Financial Shortfall

Since June, there has been a shortfall in weekly offerings and receipts to meet expenses, making it necessary for the council to approve withdrawal of \$1,805.62 of undesignated monies in savings to cover pension and insurance payments for the pastors. In addition, at the September council meeting, the council approved using \$1,875.75 of capital improvement designated funds to pay existing bills for elevator repair work on the boiler system and replacement of an office air conditioner.

As a temporary measure to cover other immediate obligations, "Adopt-a-Bill" was posted in the narthex, providing members an opportunity to adopt one or more bills with their special gifts. The response was generous, with a total of \$938.81 being adopted!

In addition, a special gift of \$500.00 was received, and the decision was made that profits from the

September 20 rummage sale (*after* the women take a designated amount to be used for mission) be used to address the shortfall.

The longer term situation is also being discussed with the congregation. Everyone is encouraged to attend an informational forum at 9:15 a.m. on October 5. Invitations are also being extended to cottage meetings, where not only the financial situation, but also our dreams and visions for the mission of Emmaus will be discussed. The council has expressed their commitment to keep all lines of communication open throughout the entire process.

It is the prayer of the council and the pastors that a positive energy emerge throughout this time of conversation, discernment and commitment. As we reflect on our many blessings during this important time in the history of Emmaus, may the Spirit guide and lead us in all that we do and say!

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Aug.:	1995: 166	1996: 150	1997: 140
Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.:	1995: 207	1996: 184	1997: 200
Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	1995: 226	1996: 219	

Financial Figures

	Needed to meet budget	Actual
General Fund offerings received in August	\$15,337.00	\$10,116.46
General Fund offerings YTD as of 8/31/1997	\$122,696.00	\$118,090.80
Bldg. Fund offerings received in August	\$1,927.00	\$346.00
2001 Fund offerings received in August		\$10,225.00
Bldg. Fund offerings YTD as of 8/31/1997	\$15,416.00	\$8,041.00
Other designated gifts in August		\$871.92
Other designated gifts YTD as of 8/31/1997		\$8,351.69
August mortgage payments	Principal	\$480.07
	Interest	\$1,446.93
	Total	\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of August 11, 1997		\$214,177.52

Class for Prospective and Newer Members Offered

All people interested in knowing more about Emmaus and the Lutheran faith are invited to a series of classes to be held in November. 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.

Classes will be held on Tuesday Nov. 11 and Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. New members will be received on

December 14.

10th Graders to Be Confirmed Oct. 26

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. 26. 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 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:

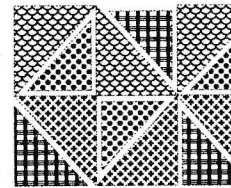
Kristen Andersen
David Lasko
Amanda Lawler
Scott Rudey
Justin Svoboda



Our thanks to Margaret Christensen, John French, Bill Irvine, Dennis Kreimer, and Fay Pearson for serving as mentors to this year's group of confirmands!

October 5 Marks Lutheran World Federation Anniversary

Bright colored quilts will adorn our pews Sunday, October 5, as we remember the 50th



Anniversary of Lutheran World Federation. These quilts, made by the

women of Emmaus, will be included in the Lutheran World Relief shipment later in the month. School kits will also be sent.

The ELCA, along with 122 churches in 68 countries is a partner in the mission and witness of Lutheran World Federation, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Service of the Word for Healing Scheduled

An informal service centered around scripture, prayers for healing and wholeness and the laying on of hands will be led by our pastors on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:15 p.m. The service, to be held in the Sunset Room, should last 30-40 minutes.

You are encouraged to come for

this time away for an opportunity to quietly listen, reflect, and pray together. The pastors will be available following the service for conversation.



AMI Holds Candlelight Vigil and Supper

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill will hold their annual candlelight vigil as a kick-off for Mental Illness Awareness Week on Saturday, October 4. This year's theme is "An Attitude of Gratitude."

Pastor Mary will deliver the homily at the 3:00 p.m. service, to be held at First United Methodist Church. Following the service and program, all attending are invited to a free supper sponsored by friends of AMI.

Adult Forums in October

- October 5: Emmaus Council members will present valuable financial information that will be helpful before attending October cottage meetings. An opportunity to ask questions regarding the financial situation of the church.
- October 12: Bible Study on the Book of Acts led by Pastor Mary (people not previously registered are welcome).
- October 19: Cancer Awareness presentation.
- October 26: The Lutheran Church and the Reformation

Our Savior's Hosts Hunger Benefit

Invite your friends to a spaghetti supper and keyboard concert at Our Savior's Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall Thursday, October 8. There will be a free-will offering; admission to the concert is a non-perishable food item. Proceeds will go to benefit World Hunger, Local Hunger, and Our Savior's music ministry. The dinner is at 6:00, followed by the concert at 6:55.

To reserve your space at the dinner, please call Denise at 634-8594.

Guest keyboard artist Eric Carlson and Our Savior's organist Dana Hansen are scheduled to lead the concert. The concert will feature the Kurzweil keyboard, congregational singing of both traditional and contemporary hymns and an opportunity to play the instrument yourself before and after the concert.

Blessings Abound!

We give thanks to God for the incredible blessings that have been ours at Emmaus during this past month. Just some of these blessings include:

- 2001 Pledges and donations make a real dent in the principal on our mortgage. As of Sept. 21, pledges totaling \$54,864 over four years have been received. Of that amount, \$17,184 has already been contributed and earmarked for principle payments—saving us another several thousand dollars more in interest! Our debt is now under the \$200,000.00 mark!
- Rummage Sale proceeds (including \$450.00 in Lutheran Brotherhood matching funds) totaled \$1,150.00. Of that amount, the women of the ELCA will give a gift to special missions, and the remainder will be used for debt retirement.
- An Emmaus member who is a licensed fumigator has offered her services free of charge, saving the church \$120.00 annually.
- 75 quilts made by Emmaus women are on display September 28 and October 5 before being sent with the Lutheran World Relief shipment from our area. People worldwide benefit from this labor of love!
- Thanks to Tom Rudey, Elmwood Bank provided paper products and a race car for kids big and small to admire for the Rally Day picnic.
- Special music was offered by our youth during September worship services. Jill Lynch and Nathan

Albright shared their talents, and we look forward to more participation by our young people in the future.

- Emmaus members received a very warm, hospitable welcome by the members of the Missionary Fellowship Baptist Church at their fall revival. Emmaus' choir sang "All Ye Who Labor" and Kylee Albright sang "I Want to Walk with Jesus," which literally brought the entire congregation to its feet! What a Spirit-filled evening with our neighbors up the street!
- Randy Bagley donated his labor to install new tile in the "old" part of the kitchen, and the tile flooring was donated by yet another member. Still another couple donated money for kitchen accessories, including shelves, organizers and lots of handy goodies.
- Over \$800.00 in bills were "adopted" from the existing unpaid bills that were posted in the narthex—thanks to all who chose to go above and beyond their current commitment.
- Kelly Zeleski was born Sunday, September 7 to Sandy and Nick Zeleski (and attended worship the very next Sunday!)
- The Pastors' Emergency Fund was replenished with several generous donations.



Walk for the Hungry Sunday, Oct. 19

by Cindi Larsen

It still isn't too late to obtain a CROP Walk sponsor sheet to participate in the Walk on Sunday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m. Funds raised from the event will be donated to Church World Service to help fight world hunger, with 25% of funds staying in Racine.

Last year, Racine raised a total of \$19,312.27; \$4,746.25 remained in

Racine for use at our local food pantries and hot meal programs. (Note: funds may also be designated for a different legitimate hunger-fighting agency. See the back of the sponsor sheet.)

If you can't join us in the Walk, why not consider sponsoring someone who is walking? Call Cindi Larsen (681-0282) for names of walkers or for more information. P.S.: The Packers have a "bye" that Sunday.

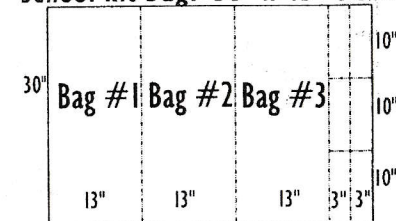
Lutheran World Relief Calls for School Kits

The train is coming on October 11 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. A basket for donated items is 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.

School Kit Bag: 30" x 45" cloth



Sew slim panels into tubes. Cut into 3 pieces for 6 panels

Please make your donations to LWR by Sunday, October 5.

COTTAGE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Wed., Oct. 8 at 2:00 p.m.
 Wed., Oct. 8 at 7:00 p.m.
 Fri., Oct. 10 at 9:30 a.m.
 Sun., Oct. 12 at 4:00 p.m.
 Thu., Oct. 16 at 2:00 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m.
 Tue., Oct. 21 at 7:00 p.m.
 Wed., Oct. 22 at 7:00 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Emmaus Remembers the Saints

In celebration of All Saints Day on November 2, you are invited to honor the memory of your loved ones by purchasing a floral stem. All of these flowers will be placed together in an arrangement at the front of the church. Each stem will honor the memory of one person, and the names of all those honored will be placed in the bulletin.

Please complete the enclosed form and include \$3.00 for each person you are memorializing. The forms and donations may be placed in the

offering plates or turned into the church office by October 26. Excess monies will be contributed to Lutheran World Relief.

Coming on November 2: Blessings Around Sunday!

8:00 & 10:30: Festival Worship with Holy Communion. Guest preacher: The Rev. Susan Ruehle, Assistant to the Bishop. Sharing of blessings through our commitments. Daisy the Clown. Remembering the Saints

9:15 & 11:45: Aebelskiver Breakfast

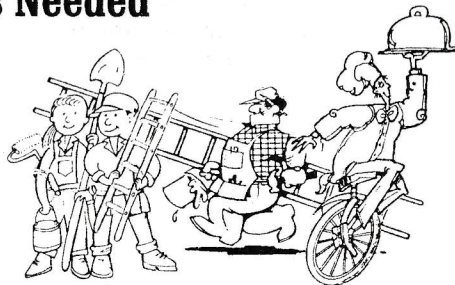
9:45: Kitchen blessing



Volunteers Needed

Are you willing to pitch in with a few hours of your time? If so, please call the church office (634-5515) or the contact persons listed below:

- Volunteers to help with painting of the entryway (professionals will do the "heavenly heights"—to save money, we'll tackle the part closer to the ground!); contact Bill Irvine (639-8971).
- Volunteers to sand kitchen cupboards, preparing them for a coat of stain/finish. Contact Pastor Mary.
- Folks to help with the Aebelskiver breakfast on November 2. Contact Pastor Mary or Ellen Nuechterlein (637-0671).



- Someone to pack Lutheran World Relief boxes with quilts and school supplies the week of October 5, taking them to the box car October 11. Contact Pastor Paul.
- Volunteers for the REST shelter (Friday nights). Contact Jim Palmer (681-2363).
- Walkers and sponsors for October 19 CROP Walk. Contact Cindi Larsen (681-0282).

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 12.

Sunday School News

This Is Your Chance to Be a Big-Time Producer

by Cindi Larsen and Pat Liesch

Help is still needed to help the BIC Youth group complete a slide presentation



Sunday School

starring our Sunday School children for our Christmas program this year. Adults are

needed to help coordinate with the youth the different facets of putting the presentation together. Work would basically be completed on Sundays. Please call Cindi Larsen (681-0282) for more details.

Sunday School Teachers Installed

Sunday School Teachers for the 1997-98 school year were officially installed at the 10:30 a.m. service on September 14. We truly appreciate the effort these dedicated members of our congregation as they mold the character

of the young people of Emmaus:

3-year-olds: Joy Kousek & Elizabeth Hetchler

4-year-olds & Kindergarten: Karen Olson

1st & 2nd Grade: Pat LeRoux-Sodke

3rd Grade: Terese Heinen & David Higgins

4th Grade: Irene Pechman

5th Grade: Ellen Nuechterlein

6th & 7th Grade: Chris Olson

8th & 9th Grade: Pastors (confirmation class)

High School: Cindi Larsen

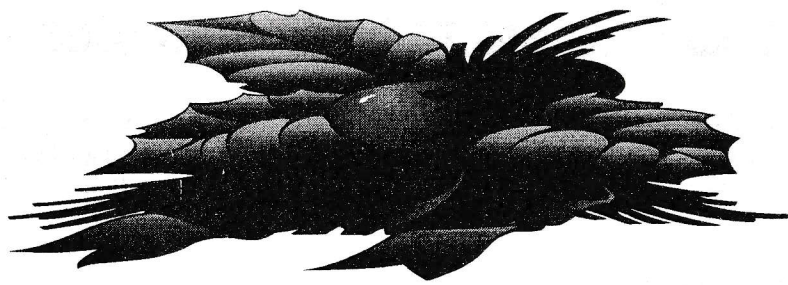
Superintendent: Pat Liesch

Treasurer: Linda Meteyard

Music: Marie Andersen & Kathy Christensen

Youth Birthdays

Oct. 1	Danielle Tussler, 17
Oct. 3	Alex Gueldenzopf, 13
Oct. 4	Melanie Olson, 13
Oct. 6	Tom Pie, 15
Oct. 8	Ryan Sedgwick, 18
Oct. 9	Nichelle Slawson, 11
Oct. 13	Michael Liesch, 18
Oct. 17	Aaron Smith, 4
Oct. 22	Sarah Higgins, 1
Oct. 24	Eric Larsen, 17
Oct. 24	Kally Jansen, 9
Oct. 26	Hailey Sommer, 8



Emmaus Youth Fundraiser Wreath Sale

18" wreath	\$11.00
25" wreath	\$11.30
30" wreath	\$13.10
36" wreath	\$16.45
42" wreath	\$21.60
48" wreath	\$25.75
60" wreath	\$42.10
72" wreath	\$49.80
84" wreath	\$55.45



Mixed Balsam swag	\$ 9.55
15' garland roye	\$12.25
25' garland roye	\$15.45
50' garland roye	\$25.45

Youth will accept wreath orders between Sunday church services in the narthex.

All wreath orders must be turned in to Chris Olson by Nov. 2

Wreaths can be picked up at church on Nov. 30

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS






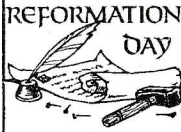
	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Oct. 4 5:00 pm		Boots LeRoux Margaret Christensen		
Oct. 5 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Cheryl Dexter Lael Richter	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Audrey Rasmussen
Oct. 5 10:30 am	Matt Liesch P.J. Liesch	Marge Jensen Pat LeRoux-Sodke	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Mildred Schroth
Oct. 12 8:00 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann		Team #7 John Cook	Bev Hansen
Oct. 12 10:30 am	Rebecca Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Jonathan Pechman
Oct. 18 5:00 pm		Pat Jensen Julie Field		
Oct. 19 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Margaret Christensen
Oct. 19 10:30 am	Alex Gueldenzopf Jon Pechman	Gregg & Kylee Albright Evelyn Larsen	Team #2 HELP WANTED	Anne Felton
Oct. 26 8:00 am	Ken Larsen Brad Falschi Kevin Meteyard		Team #3 Harold Miller	Eric Larsen
Oct. 26 10:30 am	Ellie Reischl Seth Yust Eric Van Berg		Team #4 Rich Christensen	Kathy Christensen
Nov. 1 5:00 pm		Brian & Denise Keller Pat Jensen		
Nov. 2 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Michele Kreimer Judy Berndt	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Al Svendsen
Nov. 2 10:30 am	Amy Lawler Erin Svoboda	Mildred Schroth Ginny Dougall	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Mildred Schroth

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 5:	Julia Durand
Oct. 12:	Denise & Brian Keller
Oct. 19:	Vic Johnson; Jim Larsen
Oct. 26:	Loren & Cindi Larsen

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP CANDLE CARE

TBA	Ruth Estep
TBA	(through Sept.)
BIC Youth	
Arvilla Nemer (bakery)	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, WI 53404 Phone (414) 634-5515			1 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Kathy Christensen's 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	2 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 6:30 pm REST 	4 3:00 pm AMI Candlelight Vigil at 1st United Methodist 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion
5 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am 8th-9th grade confirmation 9:20 am Adult Forum: Finances	6 6:30 pm WELCA Board 6:30 pm Deacons mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	7 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Resurrection	8 2:00 pm Cottage Meeting 6:30 pm Youth Committee 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice 7:00 pm Cottage Meeting	9 7:00 pm Inspire! Bible Study	10 9:30 am Cottage Meeting 6:30 pm REST	11 5:00 pm Worship Service
12 Pink Ribbon Sunday; Bible Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word and Prayer; Presentation of Bibles 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am 8th-9th grade confirmation 9:20 am Inspire! Bible Study 4:00 pm Cottage Meeting	13 Columbus Day 6:30 pm Church Council 	14 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'	15 Visitor deadline 6:15 pm Service to the Word for Healing 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	16 2:00 pm Cottage Meeting	17 6:30 pm REST	18 St. Luke, Evangelist 9:30 am Cottage Meeting 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion 
19 YOUTH SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 am Chicago Folk Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am 8th-9th grade confirmation 9:20 am Adult Forum: Cancer awareness 1:00 pm CROP Walk	20 10:15 am Hymn Selection 6:30 pm REST Board	21 9:30 am Cluster Clergy 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cottage Meeting	22 7:00 pm Cottage Meeting 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice 	23 St. James of Jerusalem	24 United Nations Day 6:30 pm REST	25 9:30 am Cottage Meeting :00 am Confirmation rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship Service
WELCA Convention at Our Savior's, Oconomowoc						
26 Reformation Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word and Prayer; 10th Grade Confirmation at 10:30 9:00 am Coffee fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: Reformation	27 TBA pm WELCA Bible Study leaders	28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	29 5:00 pm Family Night Supper 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	30	31 Halloween 6:30 pm REST REFORMATION DAY 	Nov. 1 All Saints' Day 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.
Synod Theological Conference at Green Lake						

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Director: Carol Eschmann

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

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.



PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER:

Oct. 7: 10:30 a.m. - Baseball Ins and Outs
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social Activities

Oct. 14: 10:30 a.m. - Pastor Paul: Woods of the Bible
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities

Oct. 21: 10:30 a.m. - Video: Native Americans
 Blood Pressures
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities

Oct. 28: 10:30 a.m. - Kitchen Band
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Birthday Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities



October Birthdays - 70 Years and Better

Oct. 6	June Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Oct. 12	Maryllis Hensel	3335 St. Clair Street	53402
Oct. 14	Ray Knapp	1236 Valley View Drive	53405
Oct. 15	Dorothy Bagley	2056 Wustum Avenue	53404
Oct. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 20	Mabel Melvin	4606 W. Johnson Avenue	53405
Oct. 25	Marge Hoffman	1715 Venus Circle	53404
Oct. 27	Esther Markus	2114 Slauson Avenue	53403
Oct. 29	Julia Durand	401 Walton Avenue	53402
Oct. 30	J. Wm. Christensen	5745 Cambridge Lane	53406

Seniors Plan Kitchen Band

by Carol Eschmann

The Emmaus Senior Center is starting a Kitchen Band. We are in need of instruments. Examples of possible

items include old pots and pans, extra lids, and wooden spoons; however, possibilities are endless. This is a great time to get rid of miscellaneous extras in your kitchen.

Foster Grandparents Sought

Foster Grandparents are needed to work with children with special needs in schools, child care centers, and Southern Oaks Girls School in Racine and Kenosha Counties. Participants are paid volunteers who are 60 years of age or older; have limited incomes; are in good health; and able to work 20 hours a week. They must love children and have an ability to relate to both children and adults.

If you are interested in learning more about the Foster Grandparent

Program, please call Emmaus member Sandra Brandt at Goodwill Industries in Racine at 554-1200 or 1-800-258-2291.

What's Cooking?

by Pat Liesch

Ladies, gentlemen and youth — we need your recipes. Do you have some fall favorites? Please copy them and put the recipes in the box in the narthex. Thanks.

Take a Stab at Pumpkin Carving

Mark your calendar: Wednesday, October 29, Emmaus will be the place for soup, supper and pumpkin carving. Sign up for Family



Night in the narthex. Bread and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Daylight Savings Comes to an Untimely End

We extend our condolences to the friends and family of Daylight Savings Time, which will pass away at 2:00 a.m. the night of October 25. DST, also known as CDT to friends around the Midwest, was born on April 5 of this year, but, despite such a brief time with us, had profoundly affected many people across the country (except

in parts of Indiana) in their daily lives. To commemorate the passing of Daylight Savings Time, Emmaus will return to Central Standard Time for worship services on October 26. Anyone wishing to honor DST's memory in this way should turn their clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Breast Cancer Hits One Woman in Eight

by Carol Eschmann

October is breast cancer awareness month. If you haven't had breast cancer, you probably know someone who has, because this widespread disease has affected so many lives.

One out of eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer at some time in her life. Over 3,000 women in Wisconsin will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. While we do not know what causes breast cancer or how to prevent it, there is hope for a longer life if it is detected and treated early.

October is Pink Ribbon Month. The pink ribbon is a symbol for *remembrance* and *hope*. Remembrance of the women we know who have had breast cancer or are living with it now. Hope that someday, there will be a way to prevent and cure breast cancer.

The pink ribbon reminds us that all of us, our mothers, sisters, daughters, neighbors, co-workers and

friends can do something about breast cancer. As women, we can take steps toward good health. As men, we can encourage the special women in our lives to take these important steps. Thank you for observing Pink Ribbon Month.

I pray that healing and wholeness may be a part of your lives. If I am able to assist you in any way, I am available thought the church office, or you may contact me at home. My phone number is 835-2372.

A Pink Ribbon Reminder... Get Regular Mammograms



- A mammogram can save your life.
- A mammogram... more important every year after age 40.
- A mammogram... for you and those who love you.
- For more information, talk to your doctor or nurse or call:

American Cancer Society
1-800-ACS-2345
Cancer Information Service
1-800-4-CANCER

WELCA Bulletins

Who's Doing What

by Myra Nielsen

We want to give a big Thank You to June Beck for making more than 400 bibs for Lincoln Lutheran Home.

Betty Barth is on the WELCA Synod Board Transportation Committee.

Sandee Schuleit will be our delegate to the WELCA Synod Convention in Oconomowoc on October 24-25.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our rummage sale a huge success! Special thanks go to Pat Liesch for organizing the sale.

All Saints' Day Memorial Garden

On All Saints Sunday, November 2, Emmaus members are invited to memorialize loved ones by purchasing one or more floral stems (one per person memorialized). We are asking \$3.00 per stem. Proceeds will be contributed to Lutheran World Relief.

Please complete this form and send it to the church office by Thursday, October 23.

Number of flowers: _____ Payment included: _____

In memory of:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

(Additional forms will be available in Sunday bulletins October 5, 12, and 19 if you would like to memorialize more than three people.)

Letter

Thanks for Your Prayers

Dear friends at Emmaus,

Thank you for your prayers, your cards with well wishes and encouragement, your gifts, phone calls before, during, and after the surgery, which was not without risks. The prayers of God's people were answered; the surgery was successful.

I especially thank Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul for their ministry to

us. Their reading scripture, their prayers and their presence have been a great blessing.

"And now we thank thee, our God, and praise thy glorious name. —I Chronicles 29:13.

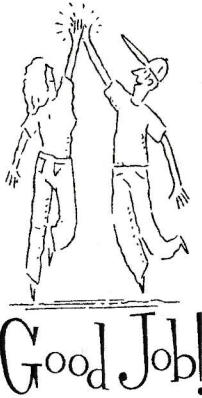
God bless you with the realization of His presence.

Sincerely,
Eileen Olson

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Emmaus has been very busy during the month of September, and the following people deserve special thanks for making things happen:

- Rally Day picnic organizers and planners: Ellen Nuechterlein, Carol Yust, Lisa Zuehlke, Cindi & Loren Larsen & family, Chris Olson and Emmaus youth, John & Cathy Knuteson, Tom & Carol Rudey & family, Fay Pearson, and all who attended and brought desserts.
- Margaret Christensen and Tina Yust for washing kitchen walls.
- Bill Irvine, Chris Olson & Al Svendsen for painting grates over window wells.
- Vern Peterson & Al Svendsen for kitchen painting.
- Jan Svendsen, Pastor Mary and Ellen Nuechterlein for cleaning and organizing in the kitchen.
- Esther Markus, for donating imprinted napkins for special occasions.
- Pat Liesch (and the many people) who contributed to, sorted, priced and worked at the rummage sale.
- Ellen Nuechterlein, who did painting and stenciling in the kitchen.
- The youth, who helped with Rally Day set up and rummage sale clean-up.



- Justin Svoboda, Ryan and Kristen Clinton, Fay Pearson, Ellen Nuechterlein and Jennifer Olson for helping kids make the Handprint Wall at the south entrance.
- June Beck for making fabric cover for the kitchen shelves.
- Carla Van Berg, June Beck and Pat Jensen for preparing and serving meals for Senior Center.
- Al Beck, for providing another "On the Road" travelogue for the seniors.

Pechman Renovates Garage and Play Area

Have you noticed the church garage lately? Looks great, doesn't it?

Adam Pechman has taken on the renovation of the church garage and play area along the alley south of the church as his Eagle Scout project. Both areas had sustained damage from vandalism over recent years.

The garage project is already completed, as Adam received help from Al Svendsen, Bill Irvine, and Boy Scout friends. They re-paneled a couple walls on the exterior and then painted the whole thing.

The play area will be completed this month with all the fence boards being bolted on (not just nailed). The sandbox will also be redone. Costs for this part of the project are being underwritten by the YWCA day care, which rents space at Emmaus.

A big thank-you to Adam and all his helpers!

News from the Pews

Kenneth Soens Poster Wins Award

Congratulations to Kenneth Soens, who was one of the first-place winners in the Racine Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse's Drug Awareness Poster Contest in April. Kenneth is the son of Kathy and Richard Soens and grandson of Greta Andersen.

Winners of the contest received their prizes at a family pizza party at All Saints Behavioral Health Out Patient. Prizes were provided by the Racine Elks Lodge 252, Racine Cyclery, All Saints Behavioral Health, and the Racine Council on AODA.

Valerie Yorgan Receives Scholarship

The Prairie School honored Valerie Yorgan and eleven other Racine are students with Willie Hilpert Memorial Scholarships to attend the private, non-sectarian school. The merit-based awards are named in memory of Mrs. Willie Hilpert, co-

founder of Prairie School, and are open to non-Prairie students as well as to current Prairie students.

Valerie is a seventh grader at Prairie School and is the daughter of Jim and Judy Yorgan. She was one of more than 200 students up for the scholarships this year.



Dan Wooster Named Top Vocational Teacher

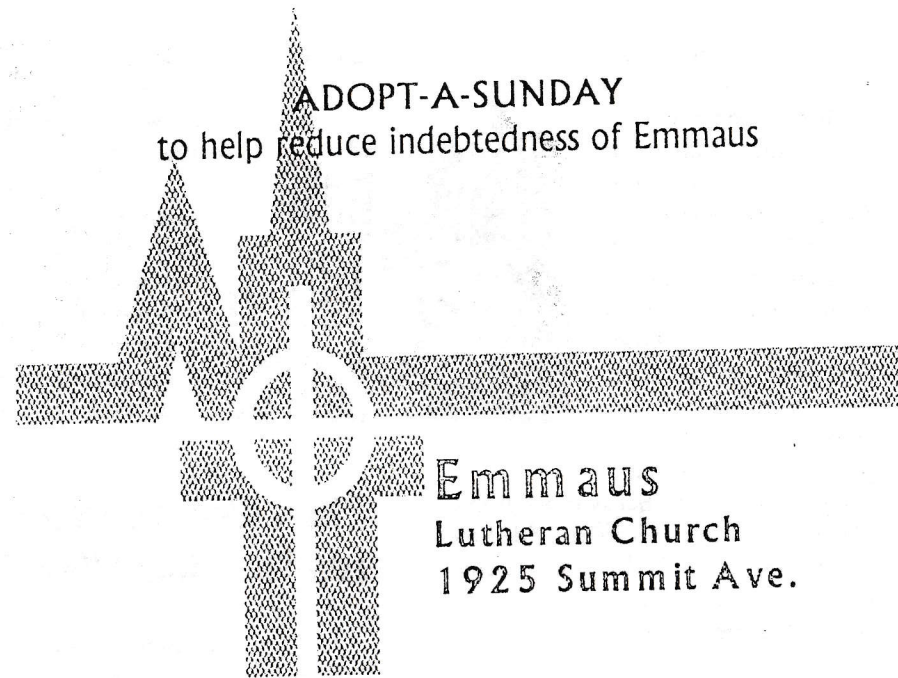
Dan Wooster, husband of Carolyn Wooster, was named 1997 American Vocational Association Teacher of the Year for the six-state midwestern U.S. region in September. Wooster is an automotive instructor at the Racine and Kenosha campuses of Gateway Technical College.

Carolyn Wooster won the same award in 1993 for teaching desktop publishing at Gateway Tech. More than 6,200 teachers are eligible for the regional contest.

Food Pantry Report as of August 31, 1997

People served: July=215 Aug.=194
 Money received in July and August: \$280.38
 Emmaus Lutheran: \$15.38
 2nd Presbyterian: \$165.00
 Trinity U. Meth.: \$100.00
 Money spent in July and August: \$698.10
 Checkbook balance: \$2,339.63





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Elsewhere in Our Area

Bethesda Lutheran Homes Offers Scholarships

Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc., a national leader in services for people with mental retardation, provides the following:

- \$1,000 scholarships and paid summer cooperative educational positions for Lutheran college students pursuing careers in mental retardation services;
- \$250 awards for Lutheran high school students interested in a career in services to people with mental retardation; and
- \$250 awards for Lutheran grade school classes interested in learning more about people with mental retardation.

Application deadlines are March 1 for the Co-op opportunities and March 15 for scholarships and awards. For more information or to receive and application, call 1-800-369-4639, ext. 525, or send e-mail at blhsnrcr@execpc.com, or check out Bethesda's home page at www.bethesda.info.org.

**Lutheran College Reps
Come to Area**

On Thursday, Nov. 6, a Lutheran College Night will be held at the Milwaukee Marriott in Brookfield from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Many Lutheran colleges and universities will be represented at the event. Students and parents will have opportunities to have questions answered and to receive information from college admissions counselors. Explore the Lutheran college option at the Milwaukee Marriott, off I-94 at Moorland Road.

**Siena Center Offers
October Programs**

Programs scheduled at Siena Center, Racine, in the near future:

- Beginning Calligraphy Classes with Janet Weyker, OP, Thursday evenings, October 2 - December 11 (except Nov. 27), 7:00 p.m.
- Book Discussion: *The God We Never Knew*, by Marcus J. Borg, the first Thursday of each month, October-April, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 6, 6:30 p.m., share the faith journey of Marietta Jaeger, whose 7-year-old daughter was kidnaped and murdered while the family vacationed in Montana. Her presentation: "From Fury to Forgiveness."
- Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m., explore "God in Music" with Dr. James Kinchen, Professor of Music at UW-Parkside. Composers' perceptions of God will be represented in selected musical examples.
- "Choose Life" is a weekend retreat for women survivors of cancer, to be held October 31 to November 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday and concluding at 1:00 p.m. Sunday. This program will be led by Mary Michna, OP, and Emily Oszewski, OP, both cancer survivors.

For information or to register, contact Rita Lui, 5635 Erie Street, 53402, or phone 639-4100.

ELCA Assembly Approves Statement on Sacraments

1,044 voting members of the ELCA met at the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Philadelphia on August 14-20. In addition to the votes on "full communion" with Reformed and Episcopal Churches reported in the September *Visitor*, the assembly also approved "The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament."

The new statement provides for "the communion of the baptized," superseding an earlier ELCA guideline precluding the communing of infants. The communion policy adopted by Emmaus at our 1996 annual meeting is modeled after this newly approved ELCA statement.

Voting members elected Dr. Addie J. Butler of Philadelphia vice president of the ELCA. Dr. Butler is the first African American to hold this post, the highest office for a lay person in our church. As vice president, she will chair the Church Council, the church's highest legislative body between assemblies. She is an assistant dean at the Community College of Philadelphia and a member of the board of trustees of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

The assembly established the Fund for Leaders in Mission to help students in seminaries of the ELCA pay for theological education; established that the 1999 assembly in Denver will hear a status report of conversations about church policy and practice on the ordination, consecration, or commissioning of non-celibate gay and lesbian individuals in the ELCA; and adopted a new American Indian and Alaska Native Strategic Plan that articulates the

relationship native peoples envision with the ELCA over the next five years.

What Will It Take to Make W-2 Work?

It will take a united community effort to guarantee the success of Wisconsin Works ("W-2"), the welfare reform rules in effect since September 1. You can be a part of this effort by being a Volunteer Mentor.

The Center for Community Concerns has initiated the MAP—Mentoring, Advocating, and Partnering—program to build mutual relationships between mentors and young mothers. You can share your expertise with a young mother while she helps you understand her experiences with W-2. You seek solutions to the weak parts of welfare reform and applaud that which is good. Finally, together you improve the quality of life for the whole Racine community.

MAP will take a pro-active stance toward W-2. The MAP program seeks to help W-2 participants not only to meet the requirements of the legislation, but to exceed them. The MAP program will build upon the assets and strengths of W-2 participants.

It's easy to become a Volunteer Mentor and/or to receive further information. Call Sister Melissa Butts, MAP Program Coordinator, at the Center for Community Concerns, 637-9176.

Pastor Mary serves on the board of the Center and has been a part of the discussion leading to the establishment of the MAP program.

The Pastors' Page

A Crossroads in the Journey

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

This month brings us to a crossroads on the odyssey of faith we share at Emmaus. We inherit 146 years of that faith odyssey already behind us and look ahead to 150 years and beyond.

What should the shape of our ministry be? How do we effectively minister amidst not only the people of Racine, but also to the larger community as we approach the Third Millennium? How can we continue to be effective disciples of Jesus here in this time and place?

We raise these critical questions at the moment of a financial crisis for our congregation. We take very seriously the financial situation, as we do the need to be open and honest in communication. It is our hope as your pastors that we can approach this current challenge as the spark we need to bring to light a common vision for ministry. While the cottage meetings this month could simply be a time to lament over our money woes, they can be so much more. They provide an opportunity for the kind of frank and open communication it takes to fashion a common vision for the ministry we want to support.

We your pastors firmly believe that a vision for mission that enlivens us will find the resources it needs to carry it out. In other words, if enough of us are excited about the ministry we can carry out together, then the financial support will follow.

The first thing this will require is enough people to be part of the process. A handful of us getting excited about this ministry will not likely be enough. We need as many of you as possible to participate in these cottage meetings.

Secondly, we need open and frank conversation. Sometimes this will be easy. It's easy, for example, to count our blessings together, which is something we will want to do at these meetings that will build a foundation for visioning the future as we continue to build together.

But the process of sharing a common vision can also be difficult. At such times, each of us brings different viewpoints and passions for ministry. Each of us may have slightly different priorities. And each of us may have different ideas about how to best meet these priorities. So the task of building a common vision takes a lot of good communication. It takes speaking the truth in love. Even more importantly, it takes compassionate listening.

Good communication needs to begin with us, your called leaders. This is one of the reasons we have made the decision to be present at this year's cottage meetings, different from those in 1994 and 1995. In those previous meetings, we were still in the earlier stages of relationship building between this pastoral team and the congregation, and the decision was made that we not attend.

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The Pastors' Page continued

This year we feel that we are at the point of needing to seriously attend to the matter of shared vision for ministry, and we your pastors need to be part of that process. Not to control or dictate the process, but to be a vital part of it. We know that if the two of us try to control or dictate the process, there will be no "shared" ministry. And so we plan on doing some listening. We want to know what you think and feel. If you feel like you need to "speak the truth in love" to one or both of us, we will listen.

We also hope that you will let us lead. You have called us here to do that, and we take that responsibility seriously. Most importantly, we as pastors are called to always lift up our discipleship to Jesus, to help us all to

listen to our Lord. At whatever crossroads in our faith odyssey that we reach together, we are called to have our ministry be cross-shaped. Our Crucified and Risen Lord is here to guide us and empower us. As your pastors, we have the humbling privilege of being a living assurance that that ministry of Word and Sacrament will continue to bring a message of hope and healing to us and to this troubled world.

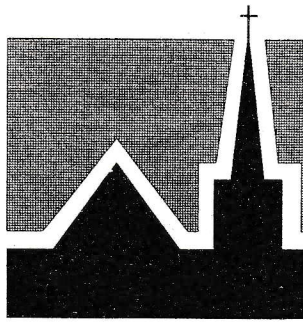
We hope to see you at a cottage meeting in the weeks ahead, as we reach this crossroads together and carry on this ministry into the next millennium, trusting that our Lord walks with us.

In the Spirit's love,

Pastor Paul *Pastor Mary*

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SCRIP Gift Certificates Help Emmaus

by Pat Liesch

Have you heard about SCRIP?

SCRIP is our latest fund-raiser for Emmaus. It involves purchasing gift certificates (for ourselves or others) from various area retailers. These retailers then donate a certain percentage of the gift certificate amount back to the church (school, scouts, or other organizations) that sold the gift certificate. Each retailer sets its own amount of donation.

For example: On Sunday, Nov. 2, Pastor Paul orders a \$10 gift certificate from Super Saver. He pays \$10.00. On Sunday, Nov. 9, Pastor Paul picks up his \$10 gift certificate from Super Saver. Emmaus gets 40¢. (SCRIP donation is 4%.)

Or: On Sunday, Nov. 2, Pastor Mary orders a \$10 gift certificate from the Olive Garden. She pays \$10.00. On Sunday, Nov. 9, Pastor Mary picks up her \$10 gift certificate from the Olive Garden. Emmaus gets \$1.30 (13%).

See how easy this is? We have a large list of area retailers to use each with varying percentages to donate to us, and varying amounts of the gift

certificates.

We will be selling SCRIP every other Sunday, with pick-up the following Sunday. A table will be available in the narthex following first service and before second service for purchase and pick-up.

Our dates through the end of the year are as follows:

Sales dates: November 2, 16, 30; December 14.

Pick-up dates: November 9 & 30; December 7 & 21.

No SCRIP: December 28.

Whether you use these certificates for yourself or for gifts (Christmas is coming!), the donations can really add up quickly. The proceeds will be used for general needs and special programs of Emmaus. We will have a special table downstairs near the Æbleskiver brunch. Stop by and see what it's all about.

For questions, contact Pastor Mary, Pat Liesch, Linda Meteyard, or Denise Pipol.

See the Emmaus scrip sheet in this issue on the orange insert for a complete list of participating businesses.

Emmaus to Observe All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 1-2, we will pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year:

Walter J. Scantling (Sept. 4, 1928 - Dec. 15, 1996)

Kathryn Monroe Thorson (Feb. 1, 1901 - March 14, 1997)

Jean Petersen Plonsky (Feb. 28, 1933 - May 2, 1997)

Dean Allen Jensen (Aug. 17, 1926 - July 1, 1997)

Barbara Jorgensen Sanders (Feb. 13, 1954 - Aug. 8, 1997)

James Herman Andersen (Oct. 4, 1930 - Aug. 9, 1997)

Edith Horton Jansen (Aug. 9, 1909 - Aug. 23, 1997)



PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

Oct. 26, 1997

Kelli Dianne Zeleski

Kelli was born to Nicholas and Sandra (Perce) Zeleski on September 9. Her sponsors are Carl and Linda Varney.

Our Condolences...

Oct. 11, 1997

Rev. Dr. Katakshamma Benjamin Raj

We extend our sympathy to the family of the Rev. Dr. Katakshamma Benjamin Raj, who succumbed to a heart attack while visiting Germany with her husband, the Rev. Dr. Paul Raj. The Rajes were visiting a congregation which supports their ministry in India.

Rev. Katakshamma's ties to Emmaus date from the early 1970's, when the Women of Emmaus began sending quarterly contributions to help support her ministry among orphans and destitute; Rev. Katakshamma ran a girls' school and an old people's home for many years. Her last visit to Emmaus was in October, 1995.

She received her doctorate in ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 1995. She was consecrated as the first bishop of the Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church of S.R.N. Colony in Bhadrachalam, India, in October, 1996, making her India's first female Lutheran bishop.

A memorial service for Rev. Katakshamma was held at Luther Seminary on Tuesday, October 21.

Pechman Offers Holiday Portraits

Jonathan Pechman is now scheduling appointments for portraits to be taken November 14, 15 and 16. The sitting fee of \$11.00 is due at least one week prior to the scheduled appointment, and there will then be seven different packages from which to choose at an additional price.

Proceeds will be donated to the church for debt reduction.



Times of appointments are: November 14, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; November 15, 9:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., and 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; and November 16, noon to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

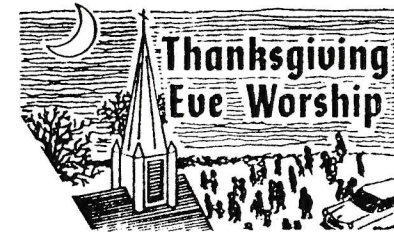
Jonathan will take appointments November 2 and 9 in the narthex. For further details, contact him at 681-0602.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Features Processional Offering of Food

Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7:00 p.m. The Adult Choir will sing, and the service will include celebration of Holy Communion. For those who are interested, there will also be a service of healing offered in the Sunset Room at 6:15 p.m.

The Kids For Christ and Believers in Christ youth groups will sponsor a Thanksgiving Pie Social to be

held after the worship service. Donations of pies will be welcomed. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



We are inviting our neighbor congregation of Fellowship Mission Baptist Church to join us for worship and the pie social (see the Music & Worship

Committee report). We hope that many members of Emmaus will be present to make them feel welcome.

Sunday School News

Sunday School Takes Æbleskiver Break

by Pat Liesch

Parents and teachers please remember that there will be no Sunday School on November 2. This is the

date of Stewardship Sunday, and our Æbleskiver brunch. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School resumes again at 9:15 a.m. November 9.

New Member Classes to Meet in November

All people interested in knowing more about Emmaus and the Lutheran faith are invited to a series of classes this month. Classes will be held on Tuesday, November 11 and Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Do you know of anyone who

might want to learn more about Emmaus or who might be considering membership? Be sure to invite them or to let a pastor know so that they can be contacted.

New members will be received into membership during the worship service on December 14.

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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 Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Drive #104 633-3059
 Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson Senior Fellowship Center Director: Carol Eschmann
 Sunday School Superintendent: Pat Liesch Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet
 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. There will be no Sunday School on November 2; there will be no Adult Forum on November 2 or 30.

Thanksgiving Eve services will be held Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.; a Service of the Word for Healing will also be offered that evening at 6:15 in the Sunset Room.

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed on Thursday, November 27.

The VISITOR is published monthly except August. The deadline for the December VISITOR is November 14.

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ELCA Takes Stand Against Landmines

from The Congregational Connection

In 1994, the ELCA, through its Division for Church in Society, joined the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

The 1997 Churchwide Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an international ban on the use, production, stockpile and sale, transfer or export of antipersonnel landmines

and calling on the U.S. to sign an international landmine ban, and urging all members to pray for the victims of landmines.

For more information about the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, you are invited to contact Kris Davis
 Greater Milwaukee Synod office,
 414/671-1212
 gmselca@execpc.com

There's Always Room for More

Did you mean to order tickets for the æbleskiver brunch on November 2 at 9:15 or 11:45? We know how it is—you really, really meant to do it, but, well, things come up, and then you have to miss out on all the really good food and fellowship.

Oh, no, you don't! There's still room for you to just show up and pay at the door. It's still \$4.50 for adults and \$2.00 for kids under 12, and you don't even have to bring your own silverware.

Your Input Needed for Youth Ministry

by Pat Liesch & Cindi Larsen

We're looking for new ideas for Youth Ministry. Are you interested? Call Chris Olson, 634-2582, or Pat Liesch 835-1363.

donated to the 2001 debt principal fund. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on November 20 at church.

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1 Brittany Schanstine, 6
 Nov. 3 Joel Nuechterlein, 11
 Nov. 12 Austin Schultz, 12
 Nov. 16 P.J. Simon, 2
 Nov. 18 Ken Larsen, 15
 Nov. 22 Kevin Meteyard, 15
 Nov. 23 Amanda Hegeman, 10
 Nov. 23 Emma Hierseman, 1
 Nov. 25 Erin Tussler, 13
 Nov. 27 Erin Svoboda, 13

AstroBowling

Come experience AstroBowling with us at Castle Lanes on November 9, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. \$5.00 per person includes pizza. Bring a friend!

Wreath Sales

Thanks to all those who purchased Christmas wreaths from our youth. A portion of the funds will be

What's the Message Behind the Music?

Have you ever really listened to the words of some of the songs you listen to?

Senior High youth are invited to a Music! Music! Music! retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn January 23 and 24. The group will take a look at some of



the lyrics of today's music and the messages they are putting across.

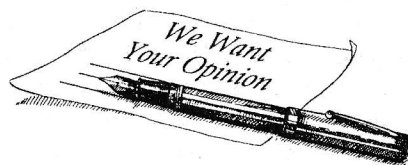
The retreat runs from 7:00 p.m. Friday to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Please contact Cindi Larsen (681-0282)

for more information and to sign up for this event.

Cottage Meetings Completed

A series of ten cottage meetings attended by a total of 108 people ended October 25. At the meetings, our pastors and council members presented a financial overview. There was then opportunity to express dreams, concerns, visions, and ideas for the church.

Notes taken at each of the meetings will be compiled so that attention can be given to those areas that were frequently mentioned. The 1998 church council will use the infor-



mation as they establish their goals to the congregation.

Thank you to all who attended, brought treats and acted as recorders. Your input is valuable as we consider the future direction of Emmaus.

Emmaus Celebrates Kitchen Renovation

When the church council gave its okay to begin kitchen renovation in early 1997, there were only designated funds to do the preliminary work of knocking out part of an existing wall, getting the electrical and plumbing work in place, tiling the new area and preparing that area as much as possible for the second stage of renovation. Tom Ludvigsen of Hearthside Homes was hired as the contractor for the project.

As work progressed, a number of individuals as well as the WELCA women's group gave new donations designated for the kitchen project, making it possible to continue. A dishwasher, new shelving, additional

lighting, further tiling, painting, and a number of accessories were made possible by these later donations.

With the exception of refinishing cupboards, the project is now complete, and the cost of approximately \$34,000 has been covered entirely by special gifts earmarked for the kitchen. A big thanks to each and every one who made this a reality—the list is a long, long one of people who contributed time, money, and ideas. Your support made it happen.

At 9:45 a.m. on November 2, we will take time at the æbleskiver brunch to introduce Tom Ludvigsen, the contractor, and to have a kitchen blessing. Please join us!

Thank You to Reformation Sunday Crew

Thank you to Jody Svoboda, who, with help from Joy Kousek, made the confirmation banners this year.

Thank you to Al and June Beck, and Boots and Lloyd LeRoux, 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 tank. You all made for a very special Reformation Sunday!

Stewardship Beatitudes

*from Faith United Methodist Church,
North Canton, Ohio*

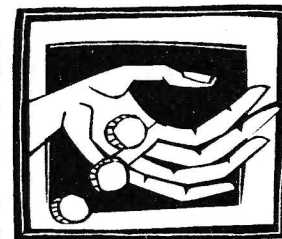
Blessed are those who tithe, for they enrich both the church and themselves.

Blessed are those who make pledges, for they enable their church to run on facts, not imagination.

Blessed are the systematic givers, for there shall be order in their lives and in their quarterly statements.

Blessed are those who use their offering envelopes, for their contributions shall be recorded and shall be deductible for their income taxes.

Blessed are those who mark their envelopes clearly, for they reduce the headaches of the finance people. Verily, verily I say unto you, it maketh difficulty enough to decipher some people's writing without having to read their minds, too.



Stewardship Quiz

- T F 1.) Our synod assesses each congregation a set amount per member to be sent in annually to meet their expenses.
- T F 2.) Of the money sent to the synod monthly, over half is sent on to support national and international missions.
- T F 3.) Emmaus receives \$4,200 annually from the YWCA as rent for the Teen Parenting Program.
- T F 4.) The REST Shelter has ongoing expenses that are covered by the general budget of the church.
- T F 5.) With the exception of a \$100 per month honorarium for the director, the Emmaus Senior Center is self-supporting.
- T F 6.) The goal of the council is to have 147 households making a pledge by the week of November 2.
- T F 7.) The search for a youth

choir director was stopped this fall due to lack of funds.

T F 8.) There will be an administrative fee for Emmaus to run the SCRIP fund-raising program.

T F 9.) A pledge for the traditional tithe of 10% on the average household income in Racine County would be roughly \$80/week.

T F 10.) The easiest solution to a church budget shortfall is to expand membership.

(Answers on next page.)

"If we feel too much sadness in giving; if we feel torn or irritated, it is better not to give. But we must clearly understand what this means.

It means that we are still under mammon's power, that we love our money more than God, that we have not completely understood forgiveness and grace."

—Jacques Ellul

Lutheran Brotherhood Donates Matching Funds to Building Fund

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers involved in the rummage sale which raised \$843 for the Building Fund. Lutheran Brotherhood branch

8013 matched an additional \$450 for a total of \$1,293.

For all those who supported the event, thank you!

News from the Pews

Olesens Featured in Business Journal

Raymond Olesen and sons Eric, Mike and Dale, were prominently featured in an October 14 front page article in *The Business Journal* of Milwaukee. The Olesens were cited as a success story in the handing down of a family business from one generation

to the next in a story by Julie Sneider on small business planning.

The younger Olesens own O&H Bakery in Racine, a business started by their grandfather, Christian Olesen, in 1949. Ray Olesen retired from the business in 1995.

Answers to Stewardship Quiz

- 1.) False. Congregations are no longer assessed any "dues" by the wider church. Rather, each congregation is asked to voluntarily make a pledge—similar to what each member is asked to do in the congregations. In 1997, Emmaus pledged to give 6% of its regular, undesignated income to the synod.
- 2.) True. The Greater Milwaukee Synod leads the ELCA in sending 61% of its income on to the wider church and global missions.
- 3.) True.
- 4.) False. The REST program is run by special donations.
- 5.) True.
- 6.) True. 147 pledges representing 147 years of history in 1998.
- 7.) True.
- 8.) False. 100% of the monies to

Emmaus will go to the General Fund.

- 9.) True. Current census information lists the median household income for Racine County as \$42,289. A traditional tithe would be \$4,228.90, which is \$81.33 per week.
- 10.) Not necessarily true. Using the above median income and taking only half the traditional tithe (5%) would mean an average pledge of \$40.66 per week or \$2,114 for the year. Thus, only 100 pledges at half the traditional tithe would yield \$211,445 of pledged income for our usual budget of around \$220,000. Our goals for 1998 of 147 pledges for a total of \$185,091 represents an average pledge of \$1,259 (which is about 3% of the median household income).

Music & Worship Notes

Committee Seeks Percussion Instruments

by Kathy Christensen

Although we do not have a regular line item in our budget to cover hiring the Brass Nickel for Christmas Eve, the group has offered to come anyway and will accept whatever amount is donated. If you would like to make a donation as a "thank you" to them, please indicate "Brass Nickel" on your offering envelope or check.

We have developed a wish list of some rhythm instruments that would be useful for accompanying hymns as well as choir anthems and special music. These instruments are quite inexpensive. If you would consider giving toward the purchase of them, we would appreciate your gift.

Adult Forum on Worship

Gregg and Kylee Albright, members of the Music and Worship Committee, will facilitate the Adult Forum on November 16. We invite your participation in discussing your likes and dislikes of the music and worship styles that we are currently using. A questionnaire will be in the bulletins on Sunday, November 9, asking for the congregation's opinions, and we will use that information in our discussion. Choir members will join us to lead a sing-along of some of the new hymns from *With One Voice* if time permits.

We will invite our neighbors at

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church to join us at our Thanksgiving Eve worship service and the pie social following. Our congregation and choir were invited to participate in a revival service at the Baptist church in September. Those who attended had an unforgettable experience and felt very warmly welcomed. We hope to extend the same

hospitality.

Christmas Decoration of Church Scheduled Nov. 29

We will, once again, be decorating our church in celebration of the Christmas season. Please join us on Saturday, Nov. 29 as we hang the greens here at Emmaus from 9:00 until about noon.

We'll also enjoy a chili lunch after decorating. Please call Marsha Connet at 633-2047 to join the fun.

MEMORIALS



Designated—Choir Robes:
\$200.00 in memory of Shirley Psiones

Get Into the Christmas Spirit with the Choir

by Marsha Connet

Although the Adult Choir always welcomes every new member, we especially would appreciate new members during the holidays.

If you've always thought about singing in the choir, consider giving it a "test drive" new through Christmas.

We aren't asking for a long-term commitment. If you care to, just join us through the Christmas season. (But we *hope* you'll want to stay!)

The choir meets every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, feel free to talk with any choir member or call Marsha Connet at 633-2047.

WELCA Bulletins

Get Ready for the Christmas Cookie Pack

by Myra Nielsen

We'd like to give thanks to Marge Zielke and Marge Jensen for making the 24 school kit bags for Lutheran World Relief.

We're asking women to start saving two-pound cans for the Christmas Cookie Pack next month. You can leave them in the small kitchen



off the Sunset Room. We also need donations of cookies for our Christmas meeting on December 9.

Lutheran Woman Today

Lutheran Woman Today subscriptions are due no later than November 2. The cost is \$9.50. Please make your checks payable to WELCA and give them to Jan Svendsen along with the label from your magazine.

Lincoln Lutheran Seeks Dining Helpers

Lincoln Lutheran of Racine is seeking several volunteers who would be willing to assist their nursing home residents to have a more satisfying dining experience. The volunteers would help the residents in the following ways: bring the residents to and from the dining room; assist with the distribution of trays; do such tasks as opening up milk cartons, putting straws in milk cartons, and cutting the food into bite-sized pieces. If the

volunteer is willing, he or she could also be trained to feed residents in need of assistance.

A congregation or group within a congregation is welcome to "adopt" a day and mealtime and rotate its members so that each volunteer only works once or twice a month.

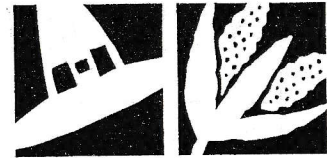
For more information, please call Cheryl Erdmann, Volunteer Recruiter, 633-0500, ext. 147.

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Director: Carol Eschmann

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








PROGRAMS IN NOVEMBER:

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| Nov. 4: | 10:00 a.m. | - Coffee & conversation |
| | 10:30 a.m. | - Pastor Paul: Christian artwork of friend Harry Antis |
| | 11:45 a.m. | - Devotions |
| | 12:00 noon | - Lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | - Games, etc. |
| Nov. 11: | 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. | - Games, etc. |
| Nov. 18: | 10:00 a.m. | - Coffee & conversation |
| | 11:00 a.m. | - Carol Eschmann |
| | 12:00 noon | - Lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | - Games |
| Nov. 25: | 10:00 a.m. | - Coffee & conversation |
| | 10:30 a.m. | - Video: Native Americans, part II |
| | 11:45 a.m. | - Devotions |
| | 12:00 noon | - Birthday lunch |
| | 1:00 p.m. | - Games, etc. |



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 2	Clara Buchman	1233 Lathrop Ave.	53405
Nov. 8	LaVerne Jepsen	1342 Harrington Drive	53405
Nov. 8	George Reichenberger	2035 Carlisle Avenue	53404
Nov. 15	Dagny Thomsen	2424 Thor Avenue	53405
Nov. 20	Chris Hansen	240 88th Ave. Sturtevant	53177
Nov. 26	Dorothy Niva	5810 Lincoln Village Dr. #405	'06
Nov. 26	Kay Andreasen	2015 Prospect St. #271	53404
Nov. 28	John Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Nov. 1 5:00 pm		Brian & Denise Keller Pat Jensen		
Nov. 2 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Michele Kreimer Judy Berndt	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Al Svendsen
Nov. 2 10:30 am	Amy Lawler Erin Svoboda	Mildred Schroth Ginny Dougall	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Mildred Schroth
Nov. 9 8:00 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann		Team #7 John Cook	Gregg Albright
Nov. 9 10:30 am	Matt Liesch P.J. Liesch		Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Chris Lamberton
Nov. 15 5:00 pm		Marion Andersen Marge Zielke		
Nov. 16 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Brenda Gieszler
Nov. 16 10:30 am	Becca Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan	Maury & Anne Felton	Team #10 Bob Christensen	Kylee Albright
Nov. 23 8:00 am	Kevin Meteyard Brad Falschi		Team #3 Harold Miller	Gregg Albright
Nov. 23 10:30 am	Chris Sedgwick Eric Van Berg		Team #2	Amy Larsen
Nov. 26 7:00 PM	Ken Larsen Eric Van Berg	Jan Bertram Virginia Haugsby	Team #4 Rich Christensen	
Nov. 30 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Lyle Christensen
Nov. 30 10:30 am	Jon Pechman Alex Gueldenzopf		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Ryan Sedgwick
Dec. 6 5:00 pm		Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen		
Dec. 7 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Women's service	TBA
Dec. 7 10:30 am	Amy Lawler Erin Svoboda	Sandy Zeleske Evelyn Larsen	Women's service	TBA

More Homeless Find Shelter in REST Program

by Pat Liesch

Emmaus' REST homeless shelter opened our doors on Friday October 3, and because of the warm weather, we expected a low turn-out. Were we surprised! Eleven men and



one woman came through our doors that night. The next Friday night, we had fourteen people, and we're expecting to be at maximum capacity over the next four to six weeks.

What do we need? Right now, we need *volunteers*, especially for the 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift. First and second shift volunteers are also most welcome. So all you night owls and early risers, please sign up in the narthex, or call Jim Palmer (681-2363) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

A special thanks goes out to AAL for their recognition of our volunteers at Sunday services on October 12. It is appreciated.

Other REST Sites

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 Avenue Church
of the Nazarene
2100 Taylor Avenue
- Wednesday: St. Rita's Catholic

4339 Douglas Avenue

Thursday: Holy Communion
Lutheran Church
2000 Sixth Street

Friday: Emmaus Lutheran
1925 Summit Avenue

Saturday: 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.

Meal Sites

Evening meal sites open at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated; meals are free and no ID is required. This year's meal sites are:

- Sunday: Our Savior's Lutheran
2219 Washington Ave.
- Monday: First Baptist
801 Wisconsin Ave.
- Tuesday: St. Rose Catholic
715 Eleventh Street
- Wednesday: *No meal site*
- Thursday: St. Patrick's Catholic
(2 sites)
1100 Erie Street
All Nation Pentecost
1848 Howe Street

Friday: Holy Jerusalem Church
(6:00)
1330 Dr. M.L. King Dr.

Every 3rd Saturday: Racine Bible Church
401 Wisconsin Avenue

In addition to the above evening meal sites, there are two lunch meal sites. United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street, provides sack lunches on Saturdays. The Goodwill Learning Center, 5420 21st St., serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday.

15 Emmaus Members Join CROP Walk

by Cindi Larsen

There were over fifteen people from Emmaus who participated in the CROP Walk on October 19. Thanks

to all the walkers and to the people who pledged. We'll report our total amount raised by Emmaus in an upcoming issue of the *Visitor*.

Committee Budgets Due November 10

Committee chairpersons are asked to submit their budgets by the November 10 council meeting. 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. 29

Church committees are asked to turn their annual reports in to the office by Monday, December 29. The

full annual report of the congregation is to be available to members of Emmaus by Sunday, January 11.

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. 2 No Adult Forum—come eat æbleskiver at 9:15 and join the Kitchen Blessing at 9:45.
- Nov. 9 Inspire! Bible study on the book of Acts, led by Pastor Mary.
- Nov. 16 Discussion on worship styles used at Emmaus, led by Kylee & Gregg Albright.
- Nov. 23 A review of Emmaus' 1998 pledges and financial picture.
- Nov. 30 No Adult Forum.

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of Sept. 30, 1997



by Mary Haas, Pantry Coordinator

Number of people served: 275
 Amount of money received: \$185.93
 Amount of money spent: \$748.23
 Phone: 639-5149



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/our name: _____

As a MEMORIAL for: _____

and/or to HONOR: _____

Deadline to order and make payment is November 24, 1997. 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.



Office use:

Post: Order list: Bulletin:

Emmaus SCRIP

Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denomination available	Quantity	Total
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$25, \$10		
Randalls	5%	\$25, \$10		
Schwan's Delivery	7%	\$10		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$100, \$25, \$10, \$5		
Sears	2%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart	3%	\$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	15%	\$10		
The Gap	8%	\$20		
Eddie Bauer	12%	\$20		
Lillian Vernon	10%	\$15		
Spiegel	10%	\$20		
Victoria's Secret	12%	\$10		
The Disney Store	7%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	15%	\$20		
August Max Woman	15%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	9%	\$25, \$10		
B. Dalton's	8%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	7%	\$10		
Walden Books	7%	10%		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
Burlington Coat	7%	\$10		
Best Buy	2%	\$50		

Blockbuster Video	7%	\$50 debit card		
Joanne Fabrics	9%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys R Us	3%	\$10		
Kinney/Footlocker	13%	\$10		
Payless Shoes	10%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$20		
Pier One	8%	\$10		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		
U.A. Cinemas	4%	\$10		
American Airlines	4%	\$10		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$10		
Mobil Oil	3.5%	50%, 25% debit card		
Applebee's	7%	\$10		
Chi-Chi's	16%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	7%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	7%	\$5		
Denny's	7%	\$5		
KFC	8%	\$5		
Olive Garden	13%	\$10		
Perkins	8%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster	13%	\$10		
Burger King	3.5%	\$5		
Sizzler	16%	\$5		
Wendy's	8%	\$5		
			TOTAL	\$

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the SCRIP table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning.

Holiday Feasting Requires Exercising (Restraint)

by Carol Eschmann, RN

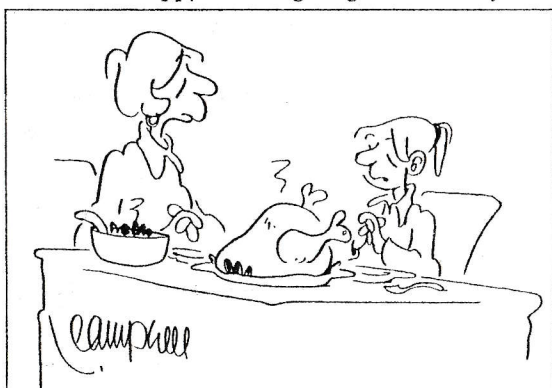
Winter holidays are coming soon. Many of us will be indulging in rich foods, cookies, candy and other treats that come with holiday celebrations. Unless you prepare for healthful celebrations, you may enter the New Year with extra pounds. To help you plan, the Mayo Clinic Health letter offers these suggestions:

- ▶ Be realistic—the holiday season isn't the time to try to lose weight. Food is a key ingredient of the holidays, and big meals are a centerpiece of many celebrations. A reasonable goal is to maintain your current weight. You can indulge occasionally—just not all the time.
- ▶ Exercise—this is a busy time, but if you're healthy, make sure you plan for time to exercise. Exercise doesn't have to be fancy. Just taking a walk each day can burn calories and keep you fit.
- ▶ Watch your portion—at parties or big meals, it's tempting to fill your plate to overflowing. Try moderate portions instead, such as a small spoonful of potatoes or one cookie instead of three.
- ▶ Keep healthful foods on hand—fresh vegetables and fruits are healthful snacks and meal additions. They can also prevent you from

filling up on high-calorie foods. Give fat the heave ho-ho-ho—use skim milk instead of whole milk, and remove congealed fat from the top of gravies and soups. Switch to a nonfat margarine or salad dressing and eat nonfat yogurt as a snack. Or you can try reduced fat versions of your favorite recipes.

Remember, it only takes an extra 500 calories a day to gain a pound a week. By starting now, you can keep weight from creeping up on you. God has made our bodies his temple, so each of us should take good care of His gift. Some families choose to pare down their celebrations and offer time or money to those less fortunate. As each of us gives thanks for our many blessings, please remember the REST program and our local food drives.

As I count my blessings, I remember the Emmaus family as a place where faith is nurtured and hope abounds. I pray for a blessed and happy Thanksgiving for each of you.



"Thank you for this turkey and dressing which you have provided, and the broccoli which the devil has slipped in."

You're Undeniably Lutheran If...

from Lutheran Brotherhood

- ...you hear something really funny and smile as loud as you can.
- ...you sing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" sitting down.
- ...you have an uncontrollable

urge to sit at the back of any room.

...you think butter is a spice.

See Lutheran Brotherhood's web site at <http://www.luthbro.com/potluck/index.html> for more telltale signs of Lutheranism.

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:

- John & Kathy Cook in memory of John S. Cook
- Cindi & Loren Larsen celebra-

ting their wedding anniversary.

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.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

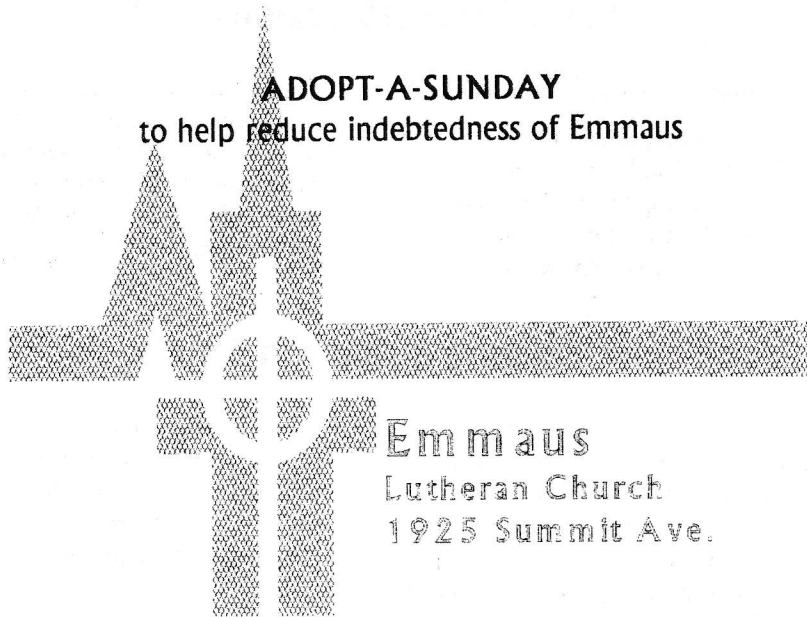
Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.:	1995: 207	1996: 184	1997: 200
Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	1995: 226	1996: 219	1997: 189
Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.:	1995: 192	1996: 197	

Financial Figures

	Needed to meet budget	Actual
Offerings received in September	\$15,193.00	\$14,731.05
Total received as of Sept. 28, 1997	\$149,577.00	\$135,253.85
Bldg. Fund offerings received in September	\$1,927.00	\$340.25
Bldg. Fund offerings as of Sept. 28, 1997	\$17,343.00	\$8,501.25
2001 Fund offerings received in Sept		\$3,325.00
2001 Fund offerings as of Sept. 28, 1997		\$17,484.00
Other designated gifts in September		\$713.00
Other designated gifts YTD as of Sept. 28, 1997		\$9,898.69
September mortgage payments: Principal		\$18,668.68
Interest		\$1,443.68
Total		\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of September 11, 1997		\$213,700.68*

*This figure does not include the \$18,384.00 check sent in early October for principal payment reduction. That payment lowered our total debt to \$195,415.94 and saved Emmaus \$47,233.26 in interest.

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: _____

Christmas Gifts for Foster Care

Thinking about Christmas yet? I know it's early but Emmaus has been asked to help the Foster Care organization provide Christmas gifts to

foster children at their annual Christmas party.

This year we've been asked to provide about fifty gifts for their party early in December.

We Are Connected:
Mission Interpreter
Program of the ELCA

NEW DOMESTIC MISSION STARTS
are life-changing

New Creation Church is the newest mission start in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Pastor Sue Schubert was installed as Pastor/ Developer in mid-1994, and worship began at a local grade school in April, 1995. Pastor Jim Schubert joined Sue in 1996.

This church is an intentional outreach to those who have not been involved in a Christian community for years, if ever. Therefore, the service is fairly simple so that a person who is not used to a more formal liturgical worship style will not find that a barrier.

Casual dress is encouraged. Music is provided by Joyful Noise Band, consisting of drums, guitars, vocalists, and an electric keyboard. Music sung is Christian praise music, and the lyrics are projected on a screen in front of the worship area. The language used in the service is intentionally informal and sermons are designed to be down-to-earth, practical ways of applying Biblical truths to life.

In a two-year period, the community has slowly grown; 45 to 60 people now attend each week. During the two years New Creation has been worshiping, the demographics of Waukesha began to shift to more growth of new neighborhoods on the west and north sides. Therefore, in an effort to increase the worship and Sunday School space, as well as be invitational to the section of the community of greatest growth, in September, New Creation moved to Waukesha North High School. This fall will be an important time to determine the long-term viability of this

mission church.

New Creation has been supported by a wide prayer network, as well as financially, by many generous congregations and individuals. Also, the church has developed positions in "domestic missions" where a person or family from another congregation commits to New Creation for a year as a volunteer in a particular ministry and will then return to their home congregation with new skills and outreach experience. New Creation currently has eight people in such positions and another group of people who work with specific events.

New Creation is a church which attempts to meet people where people are living. The central focus is on basic Christianity and discipleship. All events, decisions, and gatherings are saturated with prayer.

Congregations seem to develop an identity in the community, and New Creation's identity thus far has focused on servanthood, as seen in community involvement and the caring that has been necessary for one another in the church itself. Many members are single parents living each day with much stress in their lives. Many are not financially secure, or experience themselves out on the edge of society for other reasons. For them, New Creation has been a place of acceptance, as well as a place to develop positive relationships with other people and to begin building a relationship with Jesus Christ.

LSTC Hosts Open House

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago presents "Centered in the Gospel, Open to the World," November 13 to 16, for persons interested in exploring theological education. The weekend provides visitors with the privilege of meeting others who are in the process of discerning God's call.

LSTC provides both recent college graduates and second career persons from all over the country with opportunities to meet current students, members of the faculty, and the administration. Special sessions offered on Saturday, November 15, will address the particular concerns and questions of commuter, second-career, and full-time employed students.

For more information regarding the event or to visit the campus, contact the LSTC Admissions office, 1-800-635-1116, or e-mail admissions@lstc.edu.

RIC Begins Home Loan Program

Racine Interfaith Coalition announces the first Partners in Affordable Lending Summit to be held on Saturday, November 8, at Christ

Church United Methodist, 5109 Washington Avenue in Racine from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This event is to promote home ownership for low-to moderate-income families in our center city. It is open to the public and anyone interested in purchasing a home, or who knows someone who may be interested. Call the RIC office at 635-9532 for additional information.

Cancer Screening Participants Sought

Marshfield Clinic physicians are looking for volunteers (male and female) to participate in a nation-wide prostate, lung, colorectal, and ovarian (PLCO) cancer screening trial to investigate the possibility that screenings will reduce deaths associated with these cancers.

You can participate in this trial if you are between 55 and 74 years of age, and are not currently being treated for cancer, or have not had cancer of the prostate, lung, colon, rectum or ovaries. If you are interested in finding out more about the study, please call 1-800-782-8581.

WOW!

Wow! Just as some adults sat at cottage meetings questioning the commitment of youth and the future of the church, those same young people being discussed were an active part of being involved in a significant way at Emmaus. While some are saying that the young people are the church of tomorrow, I would like to emphasize that they are also a part (and a *very* significant one) of our church *today*. Did you know that...

- ▶ a 12-year-old, after learning that the church was having financial difficulties, came up with an idea of how he might have a fund-raiser to give the church a boost? Jonathan Pechman made a formal proposal to the church council (he came with all the details typed and many of the logistics worked out) that he take family and individual portraits this month. Jonathan showed the council samples of his work, and their approval was unanimous. Jonathan is already envisioning the day he will be able to present a large facsimile of a check to the congregation as his part in helping with the mission of the church.
- ▶ Nine young people walked in the CROP Walk on October 19. All of the pledges from the walk go to combat hunger in our community and throughout the world.
- ▶ Sixteen kids have offered their time on Sunday, November 2 to help with the æbleskiver brunch. They will do everything from wait tables to wash dishes to help with the cooking!
- ▶ The kids from the youth group

have taken orders for Christmas wreaths and will be contributing a portion of the proceeds to the 2001 Debt Retirement fund.

- ▶ Eric and Ken Larsen, Jill Lynch, Ryan and Kristen Clinton and Jacob and Tyler Ostergaard, along with their parents, have already volunteered their time at the REST shelter this fall.
- ▶ And another Wow! What did you think of the Youth Worship Service on October 19? Under the leadership of Pastor Paul, Cindi Larsen, Joyce Kaiser and David Christensen, our young people praised God in word and song on Youth Sunday. The liturgist was Ryan Sedgwick. The drama team of Dave Christensen, Ryan Clinton, Kristen Clinton and Justin Svoboda, followed by reflections by Eric Larsen, brought the word alive for us. The Chicago Folk music sounded great, thanks to Erin Svoboda, Jennifer Olson, Willie Maryland, Scott and Dave Rudey, Brad Falaschi, and Adam Pechman. Special music was offered by Alyssa and Valerie Yorgan, Nathan Albright, Joel Nuechterlein, Becky Fiebig, Ellen Eschmann, Jennifer and Melanie Olson, Jill Lynch, and Erin Svoboda.
- ▶ Youth help lead our worship many times other than Youth Sunday, participating as ushers, readers, special music, and more.
- ▶ Adam Pechman recently completed a major renovation project as part of his Eagle Scout work. With some help from Al

	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</u>	<u>CANDLE CARE</u>
Nov. 2	Pat Sovelenko	Æbleskiver brunch	Evelyn Larsen
Nov. 9	W. & C. Cook; A. Larsen	Betty Barth	(through Nov.)
Nov. 16	Myra Nielsen	Gregg & Kylee Albright	
Nov. 23	P. & M. Connet	R. & A. Rasmussen	
Nov. 30	A. Larsen; J. & J. Larsen	TBA	
Dec. 6	Andersen	Marie Andersen	Pat Jensen

Pastor Mary's Column, continued

Svendsen and scouting friends, he repeneled and painted the church garage and renovated the play area fence and sandbox.

Let's make this coming year one

In the November VISITOR:

- ♥ REST and Community Meal Sites
- ♥ Poinsettia Order Form
- ♥ Call for Rhythm Instruments
- ♥ Thanksgiving Worship

Emmaus Lutheran Church

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Racine, WI 53404

Address Correction requested

where we express our thanks, encouragement, support and words of WOW! to our youth in a special way. How can we as adults let them know how much we care about and love them and how we celebrate their faith and their connection to the church?

Let's be creative. Let's be supportive. Let's let the kids know how wonderful they really are. They are truly gifted and they are a gift to all of the rest of us!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mary

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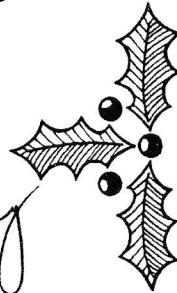
Merry Christmas from

Carol Eschmann Marsha Conset

Joyce Kaiser

Paul Berg

Pastor Mary



Pastor Paul

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Emmanuel Pastors and Staff!

PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral:

**Myrtle Larson LeRoux
November 17, 1997**

Myrtle LeRoux, the mother of Lloyd LeRoux and grandmother of Pat LeRoux-Sodke, passed away November 14 shortly before her 93rd birthday.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of W. D. "Don" Irvine, father of Bill Irvine. The elder Mr. Irvine passed away in Marshfield November 8 at the age of 95. He had been general manager and part owner of Lang-Sharmann & Co. as well as a Marshfield city council and school board member. His funeral was November 12.

We also extend condolences to the family and friends of Christian Olesen, who passed away November 13. Mr. Olesen was the father of Ray Olesen and Janet Thomsen. A Danish-born immigrant to Racine, he started O & H Bakery in 1949; the bakery remains in the family to this day. His funeral was November 18 at Second Presbyterian Church.

Register for Early Communion by Dec. 21

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 1 need to register your intentions by December 21. 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. 1, the next scheduled opportunity for First Communion will be May 3.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Beulah Leighton Orman was inadvertently omitted from the list of the saints in the November *Visitor*. Mrs. Orman (Jan. 26, 1908 - June 22, 1997) had been a member of Emmaus since affirming her faith in December, 1976.

Sunday School Report

Sunday School Presents Christmas Program Dec. 21

by Pat Liesch

"Because of Angels," The 1997 Sunday School Christmas Program, is set for Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m., with treats and conversation to



*Children's
Christmas Program*

follow in Fellowship Hall. Watch for details about a possible rehearsal to come home from Sunday School.

No Sunday School will be held on December 28 and January 4. Sunday School will resume on January 11.

Worship & Music Notes

Worship at 9:15 a.m. December 28

by Kathy Christensen

The children's Christmas program will be presented on Sunday, December 21 at 10:30. We will also have another 8-88 choir during that service. Rehearsal will take place at 10:00 that same morning

in the Sunset Room. Please come and join us.

There will be one worship service on the Sunday following Christmas, December 28, at 9:15 a.m. There will also be a Saturday evening service at 5:00 p.m.

WELCA Bulletins

Women Lead Thankoffering Service Dec. 6-7

December 7 is our Women's service. The theme of the service is "Here I Am, Lord," and will highlight our commitment to mission. Time and talent sheets will be a part of the day's offering (a copy is enclosed in the *Visitor*). There will be a bake sale between services.



December 9 in Fellowship Hall. Please bring cookies to share with a shut-in and a Christmas memory, story, etc. to share (if you so desire). Installation of officers will take place at the meeting. Save those two-pound cans for our cookies, if you can, please.

All women of the congregation are invited. Please come.

There will be a combined circle meeting at church January 7 at 1:30.

Christmas Party

The women's Christmas meeting and cookie pack is 7:00 p.m. on

Have You Done Your Christmas Shopping Yet?

by Pat Liesch

How about SCRIP? We're taking SCRIP orders every Sunday between now and Christmas, with delivery the following Sunday. If you can't get to the SCRIP table on Sundays, you can find a SCRIP box in the church office.

Put your order and check in an envelope, and be sure to include your phone number in case we have questions. We'll do your "shopping" the next time we order. Please order early, as there may be a back-log on popular items.

There are a few additions and clarifications to the half-sheet version of our SCRIP sheet. Randalls County Market is no longer a part of the

program, but we are now able to add ShopKo, Sports Authority, Champs Sports, Shell Oil, and Speedway. J.C. Penney's no longer handles the \$5 certificates, but the remaining certificates are good for retail or catalog purchases if picked up in person. K-Mart debit cards are not good for lay-away items. Younkers and Best Buy certificates are not for use on store charge accounts. Sears certificates may be used for charge accounts, provided you pay in person. These policies are included on the revised full-page SCRIP sheet.

As of November 24, Emmaus has earned \$208.50 from the SCRIP program. Watch the January *Visitor* for our schedule for the new year.



EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

PASTORS: Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Avenue 637-0671

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

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Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet

Sunday School Superintendent: Pat Liesch

Senior Fellowship Center Director: Carol Eschmann

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. On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, there will be only one worship service, at 9:15; there will be no Sunday School or Adult Forum on Dec. 28 or January 4.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 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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Congregational Life

Four Friendly Feasts Returns

by Ellen Nuechterlein

Four Friendly Feasts returns! It is once again time to sign up so you can be part of the fun and feasting!!

What is Four Friendly Feasts? A once-a-month dinner held on the 3rd Sunday of the month Jan. - April (1/18, 2/15, 3/15 & 4/19). It gives members and friends of Emmaus a chance to get to know each other in a more relaxed, fun atmosphere!

How does it work? You'll dine with other people who sign up, and if our numbers work out you will never eat with the same people twice! When you sign up, you commit to hosting on

one of the four dates. The host provides the main dish and beverages, and your guests each bring a different course to complete the meal!

What if I can't make them all? You have two options—to sign-up and "time share" with someone else who can't make them all; 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 and when do I sign-up? Today in the narthex!!

Sign Up For Advent Dinner and Ornament Party

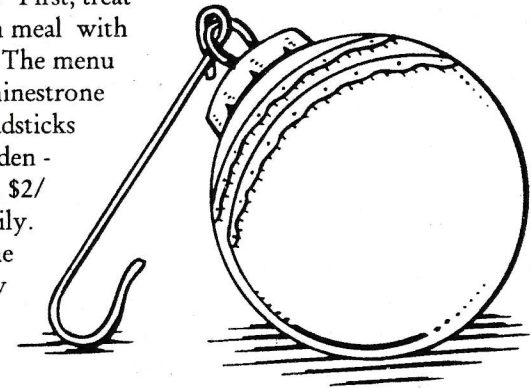
by Ellen Nuechterlein

Advent Family Activities to put on your calendar:

Wednesday, December 17 - 5:00 to 7:00 - Congregation Dinner and Advent Celebration! First, treat yourself to a warm meal with friends and family. The menu will include minestrone soup, salad and breadsticks from the Olive Garden - cost only \$3/adults, \$2/children, or \$8/family. (Please sign-up in the narthex so we know how much food to order!) Then have fun making one of several special ornaments at the "stations" that will be set up. And be sure to add a link (or 2

or 3) to our "Building Memories" paper chain by writing your favorite memories or traditions on paper strips! The finished product will be used to decorate at church.

Donations of needed items for REST will be taken that evening — current needs are adult-sized white socks, mens briefs (especially sizes 32/34 -



36/38), thermal underwear, hats, mittens, gloves, and used men's boots.

PLEDGE COMPARISON				1997 to 1998 comparison	
Year	# of pledges	Total pledged	Average annual pledge		
1994	118	\$120,433.44	\$1,202.62	Decrease	5
1995	141	\$163,326.25	\$1,158.34	Stay same	38
1996	119	\$147,951.86	\$1,243.29	Increase	65
1997	124	\$138,906.00	\$1,120.21	New/Renewed	28
1998	136	\$156,854.00	\$1,153.34	Total	136

Stewardship Drive Shows Some Promise

The pledges from our 1997 stewardship drive are now calculated and tallied, and although we did not reach our goal of 147 pledges (we fell short by only eleven), pledges for 1998 are approximately \$18,000 higher than a year ago. This represents an increase of 13% over 1997, or an average increase of 64¢ per envelope per week, and puts us much closer to our overall goal.

To continue with two full-time pastors and our full complement of programming, however, would require an additional \$20,000 to \$25,000 beyond the amount pledged so far. A staffing task force is being formed to put together our available resources and the opinions expressed at this fall's cottage meetings to determine where our priorities lie.

At a majority of the cottage meetings, members expressed that youth and family ministry is a priority. The pastors also see the need to "jump start" youth and family ministry rather than to "tighten our belts." To highlight and emphasize the importance of youth, hiring a youth music director and providing for other expenditures for our young people may be necessary.

1998 Income Projections	
Pledged income	\$156,854.00
Projected Non-pledged income (based strictly on 1997 giving)	\$32,377.60
Special (holiday) offering	\$9,000.00
Loose offering	\$2,500.00
Building use	\$4,500.00
Building Fund	\$8,000.00
Fund raisers	\$3,000.00
Total	\$216,231.60

But if there isn't sufficient money for everything, what is cut? There has been discussion that each of the pastors might cut back to 75% or 80% time, making themselves available one to one and a half days each per week for other work of the ELCA churches in Racine.

At the recommendation of the pastors, church council president Cathy Knutson is assembling a staffing task force to consider this and other possibilities. Pastor Sue Ruehle of the synod staff will be available to work with the task force. The task force will meet December 3 at 4:00 p.m.

New Mailable Offering Envelopes Issued for 1998

Sometime this month, you should receive in the mail a booklet (not box!) of offering envelopes for January-April of 1998. There will be two subsequent booklets mailed to you at the proper times later in 1998.

In addition to having the envelopes mailed to you, the other significantly new feature of your 1998 envelopes is that each one is mailable to church. Each week (or once a month, or whatever your giving habits) you will have the option of placing your offering in the plate at worship or dropping it in the mail. Or, if you forget to bring it Sunday, simply drop it in the mail on Monday!

The envelopes themselves are laid out very similarly to the last several years, but with a new space for recording 2001 Fund gifts. What is different is that the flap to close the envelope will cover over your name and

the amount(s) of your offering, leaving instead a place for a return address and a stamp. Left exposed on the bottom half of the envelope is the church's address. Cost of the envelopes to the church for these added conveniences is expected to be no more than last year's boxed envelopes.

One word of caution: as with anything going through the mail, cash should not be used when mailing your offering to Emmaus.

Cooking Help Needed for Senior Center

If you would be willing to cook for Senior Fellowship Center on occasion, please contact Carol Eschmann (835-2372) as soon as possible. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Gifts of Time and Talents!

Thank you to Chester Meyer and Myrna Olesen for making the Viking ship centerpieces used on November 2!

Thanks too to Pat Liesch and all who helped with the æbleskiver breakfast.

And many thanks to all who painted the entryway and narthex: John Cook, John Liesch, Andy Hetchler, Maurie Felton, Chris Olson, Howard Miller, Bill Irvine, Loren Larsen, and Skip Toslek.

News from the Pews

Larsens Win Chemistry Competition

Ken and Eric Larsen teamed together and tied for first place in "Battle of the Burets," the sixth annual chemistry competition at Carroll College of Milwaukee on November 1.

They will receive a CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics. Ken and Eric, sons of Cindi and Loren Larsen, represented Horlick High School in the competition. Congratulations!

Are You Looking for That Perfect Gift?

by Carol Eschmann

In the retail world, preparations for Christmas began in October as store workers stocked their shelves with their holiday wares. Some of us have finished shopping, but some of us have not yet begun. As we make our selections, we search diligently for that "perfect" gift for friends and relatives.



I would like to share a few health-related gift ideas.

- ▶ Helmets, knee pads and elbow protectors may be good choices for those active on bicycles or roller blades.
- ▶ Bath safety appliances include grab bars, tub handles, and seats that may be used in the shower or the tub.
- ▶ Faucets in the kitchen or bath can be replaced with lever controls that may be easier to operate than the traditional turn handles.
- ▶ Larger light switches for lamps are available in hardware stores. These make turning on lights much easier for those who lack strength or dexterity in their fingers.
- ▶ Velcro closures may be easily added to clothing so that persons with limited motion or strength can dress more easily. Some catalogs also carry indoor and outdoor clothing with Velcro closures.
- ▶ A good stocking stuffer might be

a coupon good for time spent with someone you love. Perhaps a weekly shopping trip, or a trip to the library. Consider offering someone a regular ride to church as a Christmas gift for that person who has everything else.

- ▶ Lifeline is a service offered by All Saints Saint Mary's that allows people to contact assistance in the event they are unable to use the phone. The newest units allow for verbal communication between the user and the hospital monitor so that the best kind of assistance can be sent. The person monitoring the Lifeline system can notify identified family helpers or emergency services. At \$25.00 per month, this service offers peace of mind to both the person using it and to family members or friends who want to help.
- ▶ Spiritual and mental health may be nurtured with one of the many devotional books or Bibles available. Your local bookstore or Christian catalog offers many selections.

These Christmas seasons put aside all anxious thoughts of outward preparations and focus of the "perfect" gift of love, Jesus, our Savior, given to us by our loving God.

Annual Reports Due December 29

Committees are asked to turn their annual reports in to the church office by December 29. Reports will be available to the congregation on Jan. 11.

Emmaus CROP Walkers Fight Hunger

CROP Walkers from Emmaus last October raised a total of \$1,035.00 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!

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 4

by Margaret Christensen

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 4 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Won't you sign up to provide either a casserole, cake or jello?

The pans and covers are in the cupboard in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Northside Food Pantry Report for October

People served:	255
Money Received	\$ 65.00
Trinity UMC:	\$50.00
Emmaus:	\$15.00
Money spent:	\$744.54
Checkbook balance:	\$1,097.79

We are asking all participating churches to consider donating turkeys to the Food Pantry for the holidays.

—Mary Haas
Food Pantry Coordinator

More Homeless Find Shelter with REST Program

by Jim Palmer

Emmaus REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce) homeless shelter is off to a busy start. We have been having 15-22 guests per week—mostly men, but we have had three women also. From what we have heard, these numbers will be increasing.

What do we need? Right now, we need volunteers, especially for the 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift. We also need volunteers for the Fridays right after Christmas and New Years.

We are also in need of gloves, knit hats, warm clothing like long johns or flannel shirts and sweat shirts. Other needs are men's blue jeans.

I also want to thank the many volunteers who have helped so far this year.

Why not give a little extra this holiday season by helping the homeless? Please sign up in the narthex or call Jim Palmer (681-2363) or Pat Liesch (835-1363). May God bless and may all of us have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Æbleskiver Brunch Raises \$558

by Pat Liesch

A great big THANK YOU goes out to all of you who helped to make our æbleskiver brunch a HUGE success! With your help, Emmaus earned a profit of \$558.00. These profits have

gone toward a current mortgage payment. Matching funds of \$700 from AAL Branch #4175 have been given to the "2001 Faith Odyssey" principal payments fund.

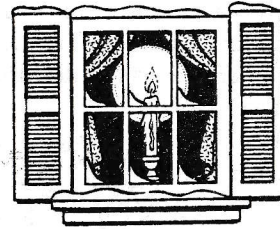
MEMORIALS

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Myrtle LeRoux: \$95.00

2001 Fund:

In memory of Myrtle LeRoux: \$20.00



Americans Tell Poll They Worship As Much As They Shop

MINNEAPOLIS— 'Tis the season for commercialism. While almost all Americans (89%) say the December holidays are too commercial, people actually spend the same amount of time worshipping as they do shopping during the holiday season, according to a Lutheran Brotherhood nationwide survey conducted among 1,027 adults by Yankelovich Partners.

Americans say they devote an average of 16 hours worshipping during the holidays and average an equal amount of time shopping. "Despite a barrage of consumer-oriented messages to spend, taking time to worship is still important to people," says Leslee Nestingen, Lutheran Brotherhood's training manager for charitable programs. "It seems that many people haven't allowed commercialism to overshadow the spiritual basis of the holidays."

Looking at responses by age, Generation X'ers (18-34 year olds) spend the most time shopping (18 hours) and the most time worshipping

(19 hours). Seniors (age 65 and older) shop the least during the holidays, averaging 9 hours, and worship an average of 15 hours.

The survey also found that women are busier with holiday endeavors than men. Women shop an average of 19 hours while men shop an average of 13 hours for the holidays. Women worship an average of 19 hours during the holidays while men average 14 hours of worship.

People with lower incomes worship almost twice as much as people with higher incomes. Americans who live in rural areas spend twice as much time worshipping during the holidays than those living in urban locations.

Handmade gifts are overwhelmingly preferred over store-bought gifts according to the survey. Overall, 71% of Americans prefer a handmade gift, compared to 12% who would rather receive a store-bought gift for the holidays. More women than men prefer handmade gifts (80% to 65%).

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Director: Carol Eschmann

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

PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 2: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. Christmas Traditions
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Games

Dec. 9: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. Lyle Zielke
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Games

Dec. 16: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. Wadewitz Choir
11:55 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Games

Dec. 23: Senior Center will not meet

Dec. 30: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. Mary Remembers — Marion Keller
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Birthday lunch
1:00 p.m. Games






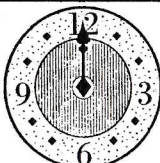


December



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. 21	Donald LaFave	1016 Kentucky Street	53405
Dec. 26	Catherine Andreasen	2015 Prospect Street # 271	53404
Dec. 31	Gilbert Toslek Sr.	2621 Cottonwood Court	53402

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>World AIDS Day</i> 10:15 am Hymn Selection Cmte. 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	2 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Zion	3 1:30 pm Mary Circle 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 4:00 pm Staffing Task Force 6:45 pm Women's Chorus rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	4 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	5 6:30 pm REST	6 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
7 <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Thanksgiving Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School, Adult Forum 3:30pm Family Swim at YMCA	8 6:30 pm Church Council	9 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm WELCA Christmas party & cookie pack	10 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	11 	12 6:30 pm REST	13 5:00 pm Worship Service 6:30 pm Church Council & staff Christmas Party at parsonage
14 <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer. New members received at 10:30. 9:00 am Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Forum: Inspire!	15 <i>Visitor deadline</i> 6:30 pm Deacons mtg. 	16 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'	17 5:00 pm Congregational Advent Dinner and Activity Night 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	18	19 6:30 pm REST	20 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
21 <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i> 8:00 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School, Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Service & Sunday School Program	22 	23 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	24 Christmas Eve 4:30 pm Festival Service with Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candle Light Service with Holy Communion	25 Christmas Day <i>Office closed</i>  <i>...a little child shall lead them. - Isaiah 11:1</i>	26 St. Stephen 6:30 pm REST	27 St. John 5:00 pm Worship Service
28 Holy Innocents 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer No Sunday School or Adult Forum	29 Committee Annual Reports due	30 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	31 New Year's Eve 	January 1, 1998 <i>Office closed</i> Overnight for middle school youth	2 6:30 pm REST	3 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation Dec. 25-29</i>		<i>Pastor Paul on vacation December 29 through January 4</i>				

1997-98 TIME & TALENT
"HERE I AM, LORD!"

WORSHIP:

- Worship story
- Assisting minister at 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- Communion assistant at 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- Read lessons at 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- Greeter at 5:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- Usher at 8:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- Nursery assistant at 8:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sun.

Altar Care:

- Communion set-up & clean-up at .. 5:00 p.m. Sat. 8:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- Communion clean-up 8:00 a.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- Bake communion bread
- Banner & linen sewing Laundry of linens

MUSIC:

- Adult Choir 8-88 Choir Accompanist Substitute accompanist for Saturday
- Special music: ... Vocal solo Small vocal group
- Instrumental: _____

OUTREACH:

- Become trained for visiting homebound Invite others to worship
- Transportation: .. 10:00 a.m. Tuesday 5:00 p.m. Saturday
- 8:00 a.m. Sun. .. 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- Other (e.g., holidays) _____
- Send personal notes to visitors Make phone calls to those who haven't recently attended
- Send cards/personal notes to homebound

PARISH EDUCATION:

- Adult education: . Sunday Adult Forum ... Leader Help plan Attend
- Bible study Leader Help plan Attend
- Topics of interest to you: _____
- Sunday School: .. Teacher Assistant Substitute **GRADE LEVEL PREFERRED:** _____
- Music: . Lead songs Play piano *← Preceding Sunday classes at 9:10*
- Office help Crafts and activities
- Christmas program: .. Music Costumes Helper
- Cradle Roll (mailings to baptized, newborn to age 3)
- Confirmation: ... Teaching Substitute Planning Recorder for service points
- Vacation Bible School: On-site coordinator Helper with registration
- (August) Publicity Pre-school help (a.m. only)
- Refreshments/snacks Meals for counselors
- Housing for Lutherdale staff

ADULT SUPPORT FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- Chaperone: activities overnight short trip
- Provide rides for events: . . for middle school youth (grades 6-8) for senior high youth
- Adult sponsor: for middle school youth for senior high youth

CHURCH COUNCIL (Two-year terms):

- President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer
- Financial Secretary Committee chair: _____

CHURCH COMMITTEE:

- Building & Grounds Congregational Life Deacons Parish Education
- Social Concerns Stewardship Worship & Music Youth Ministry

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA, for all Emmaus women):

- Officer: Committee member Church council representative
- Circle member: . . afternoon evening

HOSPITALITY:

- Baking (for special occasions) Serving for special occasions (funerals, breakfasts, etc.)
- Preparing meals: . Wednesday activity night Tuesday seniors Friday REST
- Serving meals

OTHER SERVICES & ACTIVITIES:

- Prayer chain
- Senior fellowship center (Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
- Men's Softball
- Sunday a.m. coffee: . . coordinate make coffee bake
- Church office (help with mailings, etc.) Offerings counter (Monday a.m.)
- Telephoning from your home
- Poster & art work Photography Videotaping
- Painting Carpentry Electrical
- Yard work Dusting/light cleaning in church
- Community Meals program: . . . prepare serve
- REST (Friday night homeless shelter)
- Special skills or talents: _____
- Decorate church: . Easter Thanksgiving Reformation Christmas Pentecost

To honor the Lord, I dedicate all my gifts to God and commit myself to help Emmaus with my time and talents as noted above:

NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ EVE PHONE _____

BEST TIMES TO CALL _____

COMMENTS _____

DECEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS	WREATH
Dec. 6 5:00 pm		Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen			
Dec. 7 8:30 am	Jill Lynch Josie Hermann	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Women's service	Jill Lynch K. Clinton	Betty Barth
Dec. 7 10:30 am	Amy Lawler Erin Svoboda	Sandy Zeleske Evelyn Larsen	Women's service	V. & Alyssa Yorgan	Anne Felton Marge Jensen
Dec. 14 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders		Team #7 John Cook	Audrey Rasmussen	Chris Olson family
Dec. 14 10:30 am	Set Yust Ellie Reischl		Team #8 Bill Meteyard	David Christensen	Pat Floyd & Brandie
Dec. 20 5:00 pm		Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Dec. 21 8:00 am	TBA	Sharon Devine Cynthia Cook	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Bev Hansen	M/M Milt Christensen
Dec. 21 10:30 am	TBA	Boots LeRoux Margaret Christensen	Team #10 Bob Christensen	SS XMAS PROGRAM	Connet family
Dec. 24 4:30 PM	TBA	Pat Jensen Evelyn Larsen	Team #3 Harold Miller		
Dec. 24 10:30 PM	Ken Larsen Chris Sedgwick	Evelyn Larsen	Team #2		
Dec. 28 9:15 am	TBA		Team #4/#5 Christensen/	Ruth Hlavka/ Maury Felton	
Jan. 3 5:00 pm		Gregg & Kylee Albright Pat Jensen			
Jan. 4 8:00 am	TBA	Michele Kreimer Judy Berndt	TBA	TBA	
Jan. 4 10:30 am	TBA	Mildred Schroth	TBA	TBA	

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec. 7: Marie Andersen
Dec. 14: Bob & Marg. Christensen
Dec. 21: Lee & Betty Woodward
Dec. 28: Paul & Ellen Nuechterlein

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP CANDLE CARE

Marie Andersen Pat Jensen
TBA (through Dec.)
Gregg & Kylee Albright
NA

KFC Nuggets/BIC Pen

Families Are Invited to Swim Party

by Pat Liesch

There will be a family swim at the YMCA on December 7. Starting at 3:30 p.m., we will meet at the service desk of the YMCA. Pool time is from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., with pizza and soda following in a party room until 6:00 p.m.

(This same party room will be open from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. to store coats, purses, etc., then locked until after the swim.)

Everyone is invited; children fifth grade and younger need a parent with them. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$15 per family. See you there!

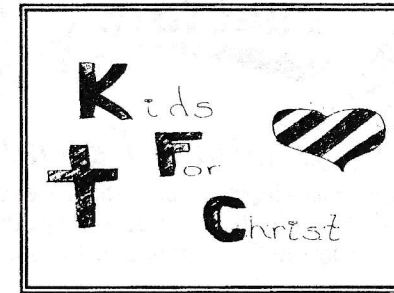
New Years Lock-In

Watch for announcement of a lock-in for KFC (middle school) youth Jan. 1. We still need two more adults to complete the plans. The adults already involved are Pastor Mary and Chris Olson.

Gym Trek

Our annual trek to Racine Gymnastics Center (formerly Peppermint Gym) will be held on Sunday, January 18. The fun starts at the gym at 4:00, and at 5:30, we'll return to church for pizza, with final pick-up time being approximately 6:30 p.m.

We'll need parents to transport kids between the gym and church at 5:30. The cost is \$6.00. Bring a friend! The 9th grade "Music! Music!



"Music!" retreat to Lutherdale January 23-24 goes from 7:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the following day. Cost \$40.00 less a \$15.00 campership from Youth Ministry.

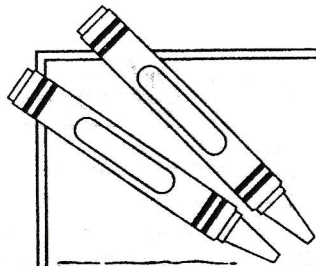
Thanks!

Thanks to those who contributed pies for the Thanksgiving Pie Social!



December Youth Birthdays

Dec. 4	Jordan Christensen	4
Dec. 4	Allison Fiebig	7
Dec. 7	Erin Balthazar	2
Dec. 9	Jacob Dresen	5
Dec. 10	Willie Maryland	13
Dec. 11	Ellie Reischl	15
Dec. 14	Samuel Hierseman	3
Dec. 14	Adam Rasmussen	2
Dec. 16	Callie Konsinowski	15
Dec. 16	Lynda Ustymowicz	15
Dec. 22	Josh Nuechterlein	6
Dec. 24	Becky Fiebig	14
Dec. 25	Amy Nelson	14
Dec. 27	Eric Oertel	6
Dec. 27	Laura Olson	11
Dec. 28	Danielle Pipol	12
Dec. 29	Ashley Christensen	6
Dec. 29	Kristen Clinton	29
Dec. 29	Ashley Lamberton	11
Dec. 31	Seth Yust	15



Just for **KIDS**

A Christmas Legend

There are many legends-stories-that have come from Jesus' humble birth in the stable. They can help us understand the love of God sent to us in this special baby.

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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.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	1995: 226	1996: 219	1997: 189
Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.:	1995: 192	1996: 197	1997: 190
Average Weekly Attendance, Dec.:	1995: 177	1996: 195	

Financial Statistics

	Needed for budget	Actual
Offerings received in October	\$15,193.00	\$12,497.79
Total received as of Oct. 26, 1997	\$164,770.00	\$147,751.64
Building Fund offerings received in Oct.	\$1,927.00	\$1,039.00
Building Fund offerings YTD Oct. 26, 1997	\$19,270.00	\$9,540.25
2001 Fund offerings received in Oct.		\$350.00
2001 Fund offerings YTD Oct. 26, 1997		\$17,834.00
October mortgage payments: Principal		\$7,344.43
Interest		\$1,423.99
Total		\$21,265.41
Principal balance as of November 11, 1997		\$194,551.93

Sundays Adopted to Relieve Emmaus Debt

Our thanks to the following, for adopting November Sundays as part of Emmaus' debt retirement program:

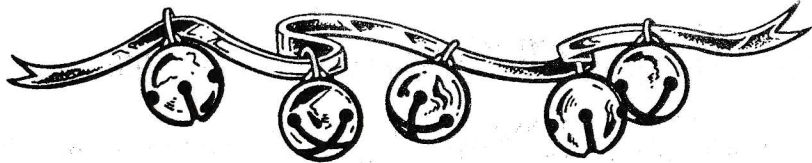
Lowell & Robert Klees and Barb & Wayne Thoen, in memory of Bernice Klees;

Skip and Barb Toslek in honor of

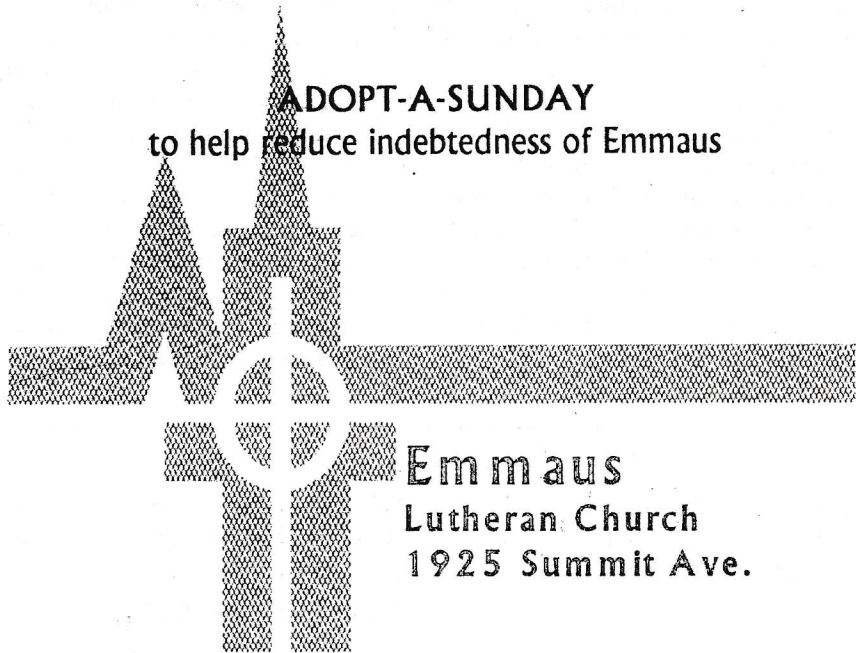
Alexis Toslek;

Shirley, Paul, Ellen, David & Tina Nuechterlein, Donna & Tim Stephan, and seven grandchildren, in honor of Gene Nuechterlein;

Lloyd & Boots LeRoux, in memory of Myrtle LeRoux.



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: _____

Companion Synod Suffers Drought in Tanzania

by Rev. Peter Rogness

This is the season when many of you are taking offerings for World Hunger. The week of October 22, the Synod council affirmed making this special appeal to you. Lutheran churches in our area recently received a "Disaster-Gram" from the Lutheran Disaster Response network that alerted us to severe and worsening drought in Korea and East Africa. Our companion synod, the Meru Diocese in Tanzania, is in the midst of that drought. I quote from two recent letters:

From Elias Kitoi Nasari, the Assistant Bishop of the Meru Diocese, who was in our Synod often while studying at Wartburg Seminary: "It has already been a tough year and it is going to be worse as we approach December. The farmers' yield is very small if not anything to be seen. There are about 34,000 people in our area who will starve or are uncertain of what they are going to eat just for one day's meal from September '97...the Church, and in this case our Diocese, is looked up to as a savior."

From Belletech Deressa, ELCA

Global Mission staff, with whom I and other Bishops related to companion synods in Tanzania met, and who just returned from overseas with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF): "The areas severely affected by drought [include the] Arusha region [in which the Meru Diocese is located]. The ELCA sent \$50,000 from the International Disaster response Fund this week through Lutheran World Federation in addition to the \$20,000 that was sent in August for this drought. The people in Tanzania need seeds now in order to avoid another disaster for the coming years. If members of congregations raise funds for this drought, the Division for Global Mission will forward this to our partners, LWF, as an additional grant. The ELCA/DGM partner, Lutheran World Federation, have well equipped and efficient staff in Tanzania who are ready to help in such emergencies."

If you wish an offering to be designated for the Meru Diocese, please note clearly that it is for this relief.

Rev. Rogness is the Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA.

Cluster Epiphany Festival Moves to South Side

There are big changes in this year's Racine Mission Cluster Epiphany Festival! The festival will be at Messiah Lutheran Church, off Durand Avenue by Pritchard Park, starting with a pot luck supper. The program will conclude with a bonfire of Christmas trees (something we wouldn't be able to do at the Siena Center; the town of

Mount Pleasant has granted permission for it). Contributions of used trees are welcome. The bonfire will include singing and a brief liturgy.

The Festival Planning Committee is still seeking musical and other groups wishing to take part in the program. Please call Russ Carlsen at 637-7976 (home) or 631-4024 (work).

There's still time
to add to our order!

Poinsettia order time is here, folks! Please order one or more poinsettias to be a part of the Christmas Eve flower garden in the church. You may order as many as you like, and pick them up after the late Christmas Eve Service, or designate them to be sent to a shut-in.

Please reserve _____ poinsettia(s) at \$7.00 each, for: # _____ red
_____ white
_____ pink

My/our name: _____

As a MEMORIAL for: _____




and/or to HONOR: _____

I/We will pick up our poinsettia. Please deliver our poinsettia to a shut-in.

December 15

Deadline to order and make payment is ~~November 24~~ 1997. 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.

Office use:

Print:  Order list:  Bulletin: 

Elsewhere in Our Area

Redeemer Preschool Accepting Registrations

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Cooperative Preschool, 2417 Drexel Avenue, is accepting registrations for second semester of the 1997-98 school year. Afternoon class openings are available for children ages 2½ through 5. The preschool's program promotes

the development of children's socialization skills, creative expressions, kindergarten readiness, and positive self-image within a Christian atmosphere. For a free brochure or to schedule a visit, please call Jeanne Kirchner at 633-4300.

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*. Rev. Karl Otto assures us, however, that his sermon will be in English.

Downtown Parishes Host Walking Tour

The churches of the downtown Cooperative Parish have set Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28, for the 1997 return of the Christmas-time Ecumenical Walking Tour of Churches, a community celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace.



The walk has been expanded to nine churches this year. 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, Evangelical United Methodist, Cristo Rey Catholic and Olympia Brown Unitarian-Universalist churches.

The tour starts at St. Rose, 11th Street and Grand Avenue, at 1:00 p.m. Trolleys will be available to assist anyone who cannot walk the entire route. 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. Contact Rev. Randy Bush (632-1686) or Sr. Carol Kottewitz (632-8808).

Ukrainian Student to Give Recital

Ukrainian exchange student Olga Yevgushchenko will perform piano music of Bach, Prokofiev, Chopin, Liszt and Schumann in recital at First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2. The suggested donation is \$5.00. For more information, call 632-1686.

The Truth for Our Times

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

I would like to invite you to a Bible Study tentatively titled "The Truth for Our Times." It will begin after the first of the year on a day and time to be determined (more on this at the end of this column).

What will be at stake in this study? The truth from God that Jesus came to live out among us. Jesus stood before Pilate on that Good Friday almost 2000 years ago and said, "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Amidst the din of voices in today's media-filled world, how well do we hear that voice of Jesus? How well do we know that truth? Does it guide us in our everyday living? When you are confronted with baffling, frightening news stories of violence, when your children seem overwhelmed by it, can you hear Jesus' voice helping you to sort things out with the truth?

These are the kind of questions that will be at stake in this Bible Study. I believe that Jesus came to live a truth among us that can help us to sort through the often-times bewildering mess of the world we find ourselves living in.

Moreover, I believe that the tireless work of the Holy Spirit has put this truth of Jesus in a form today that, in many respects, puts us in a better position to understand these things than the first apostles. How so? A shocking claim? Come to this Bible Study and see if we can back it up. But let me

briefly explain and give you a glimpse of what we'll be discussing.

In John's gospel, Jesus gives us a good clue to the truth when he describes its opposite: "You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him." (8:44)

These are not among our favorite words from Jesus, but both Luke and Matthew record similar words. Here is Luke's version: "Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah...." (11:49-51)

These are not among our favorite words from Jesus because he is basically saying that murder and violence are at the root of our human communities "since the foundation of the world," all the way back to Cain's murder of Abel. Why was all of this charged against "this generation"? Because they were about to work the same violence against the Son of God, whose being raised from the dead would expose the lie for all future generations to see— should they choose to see it. It is the truth that was about to be exposed on the cross, as Jesus tells Pilate.

How are we now in a better position to see this truth? Two reasons: (1) the Holy Spirit of Truth has ►

Pastor Paul's column, continued

continued to work at revealing this truth over 2000 years now; and we will try, in our Bible study, to show this work of the Spirit in our world, even where most people have not recognized it as such.

(2) We live in a "global village" today, where we are in a better position to see that truth of Jesus applied to all places and times; in other words, to see how it is that all communities have been founded in murder since the beginning of the world. Otherwise, one of the temptations has been to lay all the blame solely on the people who killed Jesus in that particular time and place. Tragically, this has given many Christian communities the excuse to found their communities on killing Jews (the Nazis being only the most horrific of many such communities through the ages). But all they are doing is giving another terrible example of Jesus' truth.

With all the data we can collect these days about other cultures and societies, both present and past, we are better able to test if Jesus' truth applies to all times and places. (Basically, I will be suggesting that we can take this truth from Jesus about human communities as a scientific hypothesis to be tested with the data!) Can it help us to understand the violence we face today? It has given me a whole new way to look at the world we live in that I would like to share with you. Our class time can get as down-to-earth as bringing in newspaper stories to discuss and to try making sense of.

Can this truth give us a clue as to how best to respond to the violence of our times? This will be the aspect of Jesus' truth that reveals God to us. Because I think we need to, as

Christians, follow in the same response to violence that God made through Christ Jesus. God has responded to our violence with loving forgiveness, and has called us to spread the Good News. For me, this goes to the heart of the traditional Lutheran emphasis on faith in being justified by grace. We all participate in human communities based on murder, but God continues to forgive us and to offer us another way to found our communities. This is about Re-Formation at the most basic level.

If much of this still sounds crazy or confusing to you, that's why I want to have a study where we can take things one step at a time and discuss them along the way.

But I firmly believe that, if you can make room for this study in your busy schedule, you will find the truth of Jesus more relevant to understanding this world we live in, in an eye-opening fashion.

The task this month will be to see how we might best fit this study into our schedules. First of all, I'm thinking in terms of meeting only twice a month (for example, the first and third Saturdays). There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or talk to me directly to indicate your interest. The two possible times I am suggesting are Saturday morning (9:00-10:15?) or Wednesday evening. When you sign up, indicate if either time works best for you, or indicate another possible time.

Have a blessed holiday!

In the Spirit's love,

Pastor Paul

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December 6, 5:00 p.m. and December 7, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.,
Thankoffering service with Holy Communion

December 13, 5:00 p.m., Sunset Room worship service

December 14, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m., Service of Word & Prayer
10:30 a.m., Reception of new members

December 20, 5:00 p.m., Worship service with Holy Communion

December 21, 8:00 a.m., Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Program

December 24, 4:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Festival Service

December 24, 10:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

December 27, 5:00 p.m., Sunset Room worship service

December 28, 9:15 a.m., Unity Worship Service

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