

Emmaus Visitor

January, 1998

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
"A Safe Harbor"

1925 Summit Avenue
☎ (414) 634-5515

Council Approves Refinancing Mortgage

We have some good news as we head into the New Year! At its December 8 meeting, the Church Council adopted a motion to re-finance our loan at considerable savings to the congregation. We will continue with the existing terms and schedule of the current mortgage with only a modification of the interest rate from $8\frac{1}{8}\%$ to $7\frac{3}{8}\%$, a decrease of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a point on our mortgage.

Some quick history: the loan was made with Lutheran Brotherhood in August, 1985 with an original principal of \$300,000. It is on a 20-year schedule, with a balloon payment due in August, 2005. And it is a variable rate loan with the rate adjusted every five years. Our last rate adjustment to the current $8\frac{1}{8}\%$ was in August, 1995, and the next scheduled one is for August, 2000.

\$10,000 Savings Estimated

Since this re-financing abides by the original mortgage agreement, the new $7\frac{3}{8}\%$ rate will only be in effect until August, 2000. But over that time span, Emmaus stands to save over

\$10,000 in monthly mortgage payments—more than \$350/month!

And combined with our 2001 Fund program for reducing the principal, it will allow us to move along in the schedule at an even faster pace. It was the early success of the 2001 Fund program that prompted us to investigate the re-financing options, since we have reduced our principal by over \$25,000 to a balance of around \$187,000.

What do we have to pay for this re-financing? Because we are only modifying the interest rate of the existing loan, the costs are reasonable. Lutheran Brotherhood is charging us only $\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the balance of the principal, a fee of about \$935; and the title company is asking \$100 for an update endorsement. In other words, we will spend a little over \$1,000 to save over \$10,000! We plan to use specially designated memorial funds toward these fees, so that the savings to our operating budget will be maximized.

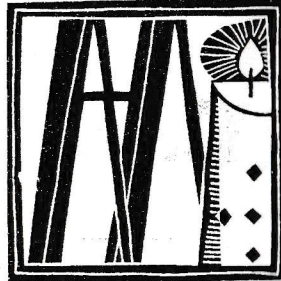
Isn't this exciting news? Something extra to celebrate as we make plans for 1998.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

Dec. 7
Alina Yaktiyol
Katherine Yaktiyol

Alina, 6, and Katie, 13, are the daughters of Anne and Tamer Yaktiyol. Alina's sponsors were Joanne Wilson and William Markus; Katie's sponsors were Lorie Sprague and David Oesau.



Funerals:

Dec. 3
Ione Hicks Clausen

Ione Clausen, widow of Antonio Clausen, passed away on November 30. She had been a resident of St. Catherine's nursing home.

Dec. 30
Arden Bertermann

Arden Bertermann passed away December 27 at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife, Connie, and by a daughter, Shelley. He had served at Emmaus as a council member and chief usher; he retired as a tool engineer at Bostrom Corporation in 1986.

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 Superintendent: Pat Liesch Senior Fellowship Center Director: Carol Eschmann
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. resuming January 11. 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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Congregation to Hold Annual Meeting Jan. 18

Emmaus members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the congregation on January 18. Sunday 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 1998 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, Pastor Paul, or current council president Cathy Knuteson.

New Members Join Emmaus

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

Bryan Andersen
Laurie Stevens

Bryan and Laurie are planning for a wedding at Emmaus in November, 1998.

James & Nancy Brown

Jim and Nancy are longtime neighbors of Glenn and Eileen Olson. Jim is semi-retired, and Nancy works as an accountant.

Patricia Floyd
Brandie Pedrosa

Pat and her daughter, Brandie, have already been involved as REST volunteers; Brandie has offered special music on several occasions.

Andy & Elizabeth Hetchler

Andy and Elizabeth have already been quite active at Emmaus, hosting the VBS counselors and leading VBS pre-school this summer, assisting with

Sunday School and helping the Building & Grounds crew.

Caren Larsen

Caren, the daughter of Milt and Marlyn Christensen, has been assisting with the music for the Sunday School children.

Paul Massey

Paul has been singing with the Adult Choir for several years before formally joining the Emmaus congregation last month.

Celia Weber

Already involved as a volunteer at Emmaus, Celia is active with the Senior Fellowship Center and bakes bread for the Friday night REST program.

Leone Wiley

Dolly is the mother of Judy Yorgan and proud grandmother of Alyssa and Valerie.

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

Church Undecorating Includes Chili Feed

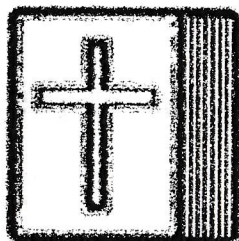
Want to have some fun with Emmaus friends? Join in helping disassemble the Christmas decorations immediately following the 10:30 service

on January 4. 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.

Pastor Paul to Lead "Truth for Our Times" Bible Study

When Jesus stood before Pilate, about to sentenced to death, he 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."

Our children are growing up in a frightening world. Can we listen to Jesus' voice with fresh ears and hear the truth he speaks for our times?



**BIBLE
STUDY**

This will be our goal in "The Truth for Our Times," a Bible study led by Pastor Paul on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month beginning January 21. The study group will meet from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or phone the church office to have your name added to the list.

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. 4 No Adult Forum
- JAN. 11 **Hearing on the 1998 Budget.** Members of the Executive Committee of the Church Council will lead the discussion of the budget. Your input is valued! (Inspire! Bible study will resume second Sunday of February.)
- JAN. 18 **No Adult Forum; Annual Meeting of the Congregation in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.**
- JAN. 25 **Speaker to be announced.**

JAN 4 1998				400
GENERAL FUND	BUILDING FUND	2001 FUND	SPECIAL FOR:	
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
				400
				Name: _____
				Address: _____
MY OFFERING FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST THROUGH				
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church				
1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374				

Have You Received Your 1998 Offering Envelopes?

By the time you read this, you should have received in the mail a booklet (not a box) of offering envelopes for January through April. There will be two subsequent booklets mailed to you every four months. If you have not received your January-April envelopes, please contact the church office right away.

In addition to having the envelopes mailed to you, the other significant new feature of your 1998 envelopes is that each one is mailable to church. Each week (or once a month if you prefer), you may either place your offering in the plate at worship or drop it in the mail.

The envelopes themselves are laid out very similarly to last year's, but with a new space for recording 2001 Faith Odyssey 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 Emmaus' address.

One word of caution: as with anything going through the mail, cash should not be used when mailing your offering to Emmaus.

Thank You!

We thank the following members of Emmaus for helping decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas: Al & June Beck, Amy Larsen, Austin Schultz, Shirley Velzka, Boots LeRoux, and Marsha Marissa Connet.



Thanks also to Cindi Larsen, Pat Liesch, Grace Falaschi, Kathy Christensen, Marie Andersen, Caren Larsen, Kylee Albright, Joyce Kaiser, and all the Sunday School teachers who helped with the Sunday School Christmas program last month.

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	40
1996	119	\$147,951.86	\$1,243.29	Increase	66
1997	124	\$138,906.00	\$1,120.21	New/renewed	28
1998	139	\$160,354.00	\$1,153.63	Total	139

Jan. 11 Adult Forum to Discuss 1998 Finances

The January 11 Adult Forum (9:20-10:15 a.m.) will provide a final review of the stewardship campaign as well as a preview of the 1998 budget proposal.

1998 Income Projections

Pledged income	\$160,354.00
Projected non-pledged income, based strictly on 1997 giving	\$31,500.00
Special (holiday) giving	\$9,000.00
Loose offering	\$2,500.00
Building use	\$4,500.00
Building fund	\$8,000.00
Fund raisers	\$3,000.00
Outside income	\$10,000.00
Total	\$228,854.00

New developments for the budget include a significant savings in mortgage payments due to the re-financing (see page 1) and plans for "outside income" of about \$10,000. The latter is reflected in Pastor Mary's column when she says, "In the coming months, you will hear us talk more about our neighborhood, and we will also be pursuing new

possibilities of working collaboratively with other area churches and with the schools." The idea is that these collaborations would produce additional income.

For more details, we encourage you to come and be part of the discussion on January 11, and at the Annual Congregational Meeting the following Sunday.

Stewardship Facts

Did you know:

- Eight of our top ten contributors are *under* 55 years of age?
- We will have a lower interest rate (7 $\frac{3}{8}$ %) on our mortgage as of February 1?
- The lower interest rate will decrease our monthly payments by \$350 per month?
- 68% of pledging households plan to increase their giving in 1998?
- Since August we have received \$27,615.69 in special gifts designated to reduce the principal on our mortgage?

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:

Marian Bower, in memory of Fredric Bower;

The children of Leroy & Anita Andersen, in their memory;

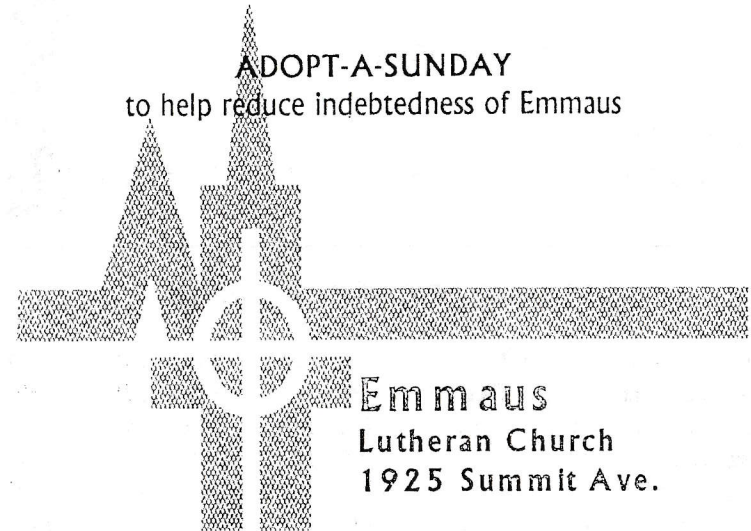
Jeff, Linda, Ryan, and Kristen Clinton, in thanks for family, friends and church; and

Ted and Karen Andersen, in

memory of Alvie Nelson and Walter McDonald.

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.

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: _____

SCRIP Is Working

by Pat Liesch

SCRIP is working! As of December 22, we have placed seven orders and earned approximately \$300 toward Emmaus general funds and special programs. We will continue to take orders *every week* (watch for the SCRIP bucket!), and we will place the orders weekly, as long as our profits warrant spending the Federal Express

fees.

If we have a week that only has a few orders, we may opt to combine them with the following week's order, to save on shipping and handling. If there is some item that you need right away, please let us know, and we'll do our best to get it for you.

Thanks for your continued support of SCRIP.



MEMORIALS


In memory of W. D. Irvine: \$100.00 Bldg. & Grounds
 In memory of Myrtle LeRoux: \$ 20.00 Non-designated

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, Nov.:	1995: 193	1996: 197	1997: 191
Average weekly attendance, Dec.:	1995: 197	1996: 195	1997: 193
Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	1996: 168	1997: 152	
Thanksgiving Eve service:	1995: 107	1996: 84	1997: 123
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. service:	1995: 214	1996: 176	1997: 199
Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m. service:	1995: 127	1996: 139	1997: 101

Financial Figures

	Needed for budget	Actual
Offerings received in November	\$19,223.00	\$20,114.75
Total received as of November 25, 1997	\$183,993.00	\$167,866.39
November mortgage payments: Principal (incl. \$796.14 extra)	\$1,409.27	
Interest	\$1,313.87	
Total	\$2,723.14	
Principal balance as of December 11, 1997		\$194,551.93
November Building Fund offerings	\$1,927.00	\$271.00
Building Fund offerings YTD 11/30/97	\$21,197.00	\$9,806.00
November 2001 Faith Odyssey offerings		\$5,531.69
2001 Faith Odyssey offerings YTD 11/30/97		\$23,370.69

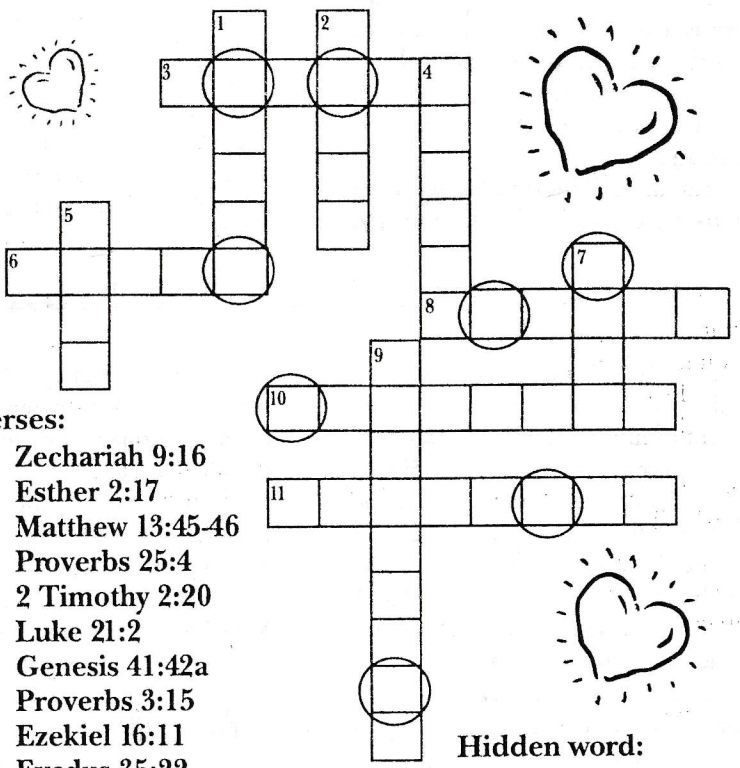


Just for KIDS

Matthew 6:21

“For where your _____ is,
there your heart will be also.”

There is a special or valuable item in each verse below.
Find the item and fit it into the boxes with the corresponding number circled. Unscramble the letters that are circled. Spell a word that fills the blank above.



Verses:

1. Zechariah 9:16
2. Esther 2:17
3. Matthew 13:45-46
4. Proverbs 25:4
5. 2 Timothy 2:20
6. Luke 21:2
7. Genesis 41:42a
8. Proverbs 3:15
9. Ezekiel 16:11
10. Exodus 35:22
11. Ezekiel 16:11

Hidden word:

Hidden Word: Treasure

1. Jewels 2. Crown 3. Pearls 4. Silver 5. Gold 6. Coins 7. Ring 8. Rubies 9. Bracelets 10. Earrings 11. Necklace

REST Serves Homeless

by Pat Liesch

Green Bay is not the only "frozen tundra" around. Have you seen the streets of Racine lately?

The Racine Emergency Shelter Task Force (REST) helps provide food and shelter to those who live out on Racine's "frozen tundra." There is a need for men's underwear, white socks, boots and warm clothing. Hats gloves and scarves help, too. An extra casserole or cake is always appreciated.

But most importantly, we need *volunteers*, especially for second and

Help for the



Homeless

third shift. Many people have stepped up to volunteer, but there's always room for one more.

We offer hot coffee, good food, and the thanks of the homeless we serve. It's the best deal in town!

Contact Jim Palmer at 681-6263 or Pat Liesch at 835-1363.

P.S.: We extend a humongous thank you to Lake-Air International, Inc. up the street on Rapids Drive. They ended up with a great deal of extra food from Infusino's after their company Christmas party last month, and they donated it to the REST program at Emmaus. Thanks also to the members of Emmaus who stepped in to help store the food which we were not able to fit into our own freezer.

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of Nov. 30, 1997

by Mary Haas, Pantry Coordinator

Number of people served: 297
 Amount of money received: \$397.26
 From: Trinity UMC: \$99.26
 Emmaus Lutheran: \$10.00
 Individual: \$288.00
 Amount of money spent: \$531.51
 Checkbook: \$963.51

There was great cooperation and donations from the churches this month. Many brought in canned goods and in total we gave approximately twenty-five turkeys to families in addition to several chickens given to individuals. The number of people served is the highest since January, 1997. We received turkeys



North Side Food Pantry

from Lake Electric Motors, several boxes of food from Jerstad Agerholm School, money and food donations from an accounting club.

We have joined the USDA program through Project Emergency and received about 2,000 lbs. of food there (no cost). We also received a \$75.00 grant from Second Harvest food

Bank in Milwaukee and picked up about 1,000 lbs. (cutting our \$198.84 bill down to \$123.84).

Every Christmas we give hams to those who visit our Food Pantry. Donations are always welcome.



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.

Program for January:

- Jan. 6 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Beginning
12:00 Regular Lunch
1:00 Social Activities
- Jan. 13 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Western Video
12:00 Regular Lunch
1:00 Social Activities
- Jan. 20 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Racine Police Department
12:00 Regular Lunch
1:00 Social Activities
- Jan. 27 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Al Beck: Australia
12:00 Birthday Lunch
1:00 Social Activities

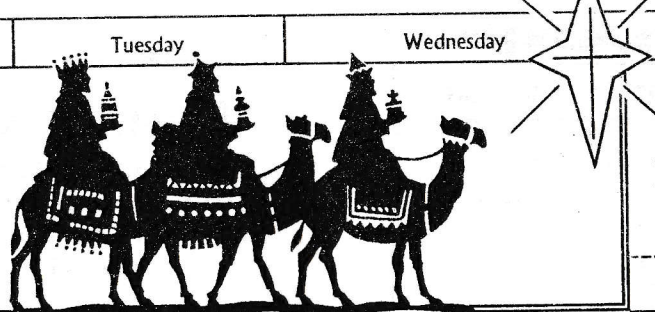


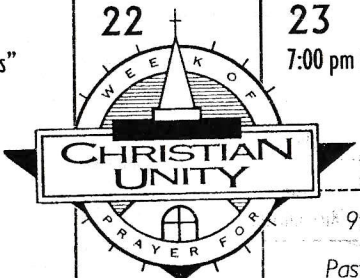
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 ◆ april ◆
 ◆ may ◆
 ◆ june ◆
A Year of Opportunity
 ◆ october november december ◆
 ◆ september ◆
 ◆ august ◆
 ◆ july ◆



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. 28	Esther Reichenberger	5455 Durand Avenue	53406
Jan. 29	Jeannette Bertram	1830 Polaris Avenue	53404
Jan. 30	Grace Unger	1100 Fountain Hills Drive #104	53406



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center">January, 1998 Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404 ☎ 414 634-5515</p> 				<p>1 Circumsision of Our Lord Office closed 7:00 pm KFC lock-in</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>3 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.</p>
<i>Pastor Paul on vacation to January 4</i>						
<p>4 2nd Sunday of Christmas 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 1 w/Holy Communion No Sunday School or Adult Forum 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 2 w/Holy Communion</p>	<p>5 10:15 am Hymn Selection Cmte 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee</p>	<p>6 Epiphany 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>7 1:30 pm Mary & Rebecca Circles in Sunset Room 6:00 pm Epiphany Festival at Messiah L.C.</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm REST</p> 	<p>10 5:00 pm Worship service</p>
<p>11 Baptism of Our Lord 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: Inspire! Bible study 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer; Presentation of Bibles</p>	<p>12 6:30 pm Church council</p>	<p>13 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle</p>	<p>14 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>15 <i>Visitor</i> deadline</p>	<p>16 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>17 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>18 Confession of St. Peter 8:00 & 10:30 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING 2:00 pm Youth Gym Trek Tables of Eight</p>	<p>19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day 6:30 pm Deacons mtg.</p> 	<p>20 9:30 am Cluster Clergy mtg. at Mt. Pleasant 10:00 am Senior Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>21 6:45 pm "Truth For Our Times" Bible study 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>24 St. Timothy TBA Construction of the Superbowl Subs 5:00 pm Worship service</p>
<i>9th grade retreat to Lutherdale Pastor Mary on vacation Jan. 23-30</i>						
<p>25 2-Point Conversion of St. Paul 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer</p>	<p>26 St. Titus</p>	<p>27 Lydia, Dorcas & Phoebe 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>28 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>31 5:00 pm Worship</p>
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation January 23-30</i>						

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

SCRIP Address: _____ Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$25, \$10		
Schwan's Delivery	7%	\$10		
Clothing & department stores				
ShopKo	5%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney ¹	5%	\$100, \$25, \$10		
Sears ²	2%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers ³	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart ⁴	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		
Burlington Coat	7%	\$10		
Sporting goods stores				
Champs Sports	13%	\$10		
Sports Authority	\$7	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	8%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	7%	\$10		
Walden Books	7%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25		

¹Penney's no longer handles \$5 certificates. Penneys certificates are good for retail or catalog purchases, if picked up in person.

²Sears certificates can be used for charge accounts, if you pay in person.

³Younkers certificates are not for use on store charge accounts.

⁴k-Mart debit card is not good for lay-away.

Stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				
Best Buy ⁵	2%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$50 debit card		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		
U.A. Cinemas	4%	\$10		
Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	9%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys Я Us	3%	\$10		
Shoe stores				
Kinney/Footlocker	13%	\$10		
Payless Shoes	10%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$20		
Pier One	8%	\$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	4%	\$10		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$10		
Mobil Oil	3.5%	\$50, \$25 debit card		
Shell Oil	2.5%	\$50 debit card		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Restaurants				
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. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

⁵Best Buy certificates cannot be used on some charge accounts.

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Jan. 3 5:00 pm		Gregg & Kylee Albright Pat Jensen		
Jan. 4 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton	Michele Kreimer Jdy Berndt	Team #7 John Cook	Betty Barth
Jan. 4 10:30 am	Matt Liesch P.J. Liesch	Mildred Schroth Ginny Dougall	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Maury Felton
Jan. 11 8:00 am	Becky Fiebig		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Al Svendsen
Jan. 11 10:30 am	Rebecca Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan		Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Jerry Hierseman
Jan. 17 5:00 pm		Pat Sodke Sandi Zeleski		
Jan. 18 8:00 am	Jill Lynch	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen	Team #3 Harold Miller	Sandy Strini
Jan. 18 10:30 am	Nathan Albright Tina Yust	Maurice & Anne Felton	Team #10 Bob Christensen	Karen Sedgwick
Jan. 25 8:00 am	Josie Hermann		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Ruth Hlavka
Jan. 25 10:30 am	Jon Pechman Alex Gueldenzopf		Team #2 Bob Christensen	Myra Nielsen
Jan. 31 5:00 pm		TBA		
Feb. 1 8:00 am	TBA	TBA	Team #7 John Cook	Bev Hansen
Feb. 1 10:30 am	TBA	TBA	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Kylee Albright

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan. 4: John & Pat Liesch
 Jan. 11: Julia Durand
 Jan. 18: Amy Larsen
 Jan. 25: Harry & Evelyn Larsen
 Feb. 1: available



Thanks for Christmas Program Help!

by Pat Liesch

Whether you were an actor, a musician, a director, a cookie baker or

server, etc., you helped to make our Christmas program special. Thanks to all who helped!

Parish Nurse Corner

Take Cold Weather Seriously

by Carol Eschmann, R.N.

As cold weather approaches, it is important to think about keeping warm and healthy. While we're all susceptible to the dangers of cold weather, older adults, young children, and people with chronic illnesses are at greatest risk, because they are less able to adapt to extreme temperatures. I hope this information will help keep you and your family safe and comfortable all winter long.

Hypothermia, or cold stress, is a dangerous medical condition that can be fatal if not treated promptly. Hypothermia occurs when a person's body temperature, which normally is about 98.6°F, falls to or below 95°F. It can occur even when air temperatures are as mild as 60°F, but is most likely to occur on cold, windy days.

The following are warning signs of hypothermia:

- Confusion or forgetfulness
- Difficulty waking or sleepiness
- Shivering
- Cold, stiff muscles
- Slow breathing
- Puffy face
- Cold skin (especially on the stomach)

If you suspect hypothermia, keep

calm and call your doctor. Handle the person very gently and protect him/her with blankets, quilts or towels, making sure you cover the neck and head.

Here are some recommendations that will help you keep warm:

- Wear layers of loose clothing.
- Cover your head and neck. (Yes, even teens need to keep their hats on!)
- Stay dry. If your clothes get wet, change them as soon as possible. Dry wet hair with a hair dryer immediately.
- Bundle up when you go to bed. Use extra blankets; wear long underwear or pajamas and socks.
- Eat well and drink warm liquids to help keep your body warm.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Stay in touch with friends, family members and neighbors during cold weather. If you're an older adult, ask someone to call you regularly.

Certain medications can decrease the body's ability to regulate temperature. Many of these drugs are commonly prescribed. If you take medication for high blood pressure, nervousness, depression or sleeping and have trouble keeping warm, ask your doctor about hypothermia.

Middle School Youth Work Out

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 at 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 BIC Pen

Youth Take Orders for Superbowl Subs

by Cindi Larsen

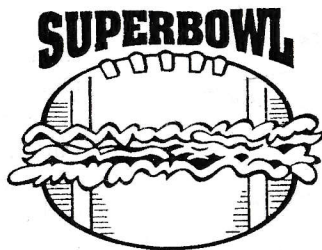
Please don't forget that the BIC senior high youth group will sponsor a Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale in January. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex to pre-order your subs for Super Bowl Sunday, January 25. The sub sandwiches will be available for pick-up on Saturday, January 24 after the 5:00 p.m. worship service and Sunday, January 25 after both worship services.

Your continued prayers and support of our youth ministry activities are greatly appreciated.

Lutheran Youth Encounter

The 1998 Chicago Congress of Lutheran Youth Encounter will be held March 20-22. The theme will be "Wide Awake" (Ephesians 5:13-14) with a variety of youth activities offered, including performances by Lost and Found and Captain Free.

The registration fee is \$122.00 per youth with some monies available from our BIC youth account to help cover the costs. The registration deadline is



February 19. Please call Cindi Larsen (681-0282) as soon as possible to express your interest in attending this exciting high school youth event.

Letters

Thanks from Members

December 6, 1997

To Emmaus:

Thank you so much for the beautiful mum plant for our fiftieth anniversary. It is just as pretty and fresh as the day we received it.

Thanks also, to friends at Emmaus for gifts and many cards.

Sincerely,

Ralph & Audrey Rasmussen

Dear friends of Emmaus,

I am so thankful for your many cards and prayers for me in my recent illness. Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul visited me most every day during the three weeks I was in the hospital. You are to be congratulated as my recovery was successful.

Thanks be to God,
Marian Bower

Meru Diocese Delegation to Visit Synod for Spring Events

Even where a drought persists, good things are happening in Africa in the powerful name of Jesus Christ! And your congregation can get the word and meet the people during the return visit from our Meru Diocese Companion Synod this coming spring!

You may have heard about the Greater Milwaukee Synod delegation to the Meru Diocese of Tanzania, led by Bishop Peter Rogness last winter. Did you know that a six-person delegation from the Meru Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania will be with us at Synod Assembly in April, 1998?

The delegation will be led by Meru Diocese Bishop Paulo Akyoo and will arrive to participate in assembly

events, staying in the Milwaukee area until mid-May.

In the months leading up to the Meru Delegation visit, representatives from our companion Synod Committee offer their services to tell the story of this compelling relationship and about the holistic approach to ministry our sisters and brothers in Christ pursue in the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro. Representatives will be available for Sunday Morning Forums, Adult Education events, preaching, and for other programs. Contact Kris Davis at the synod office, 671-1212, or programming sub-committee chair Rev. Paul Mittermaier, 677-3176.

Elsewhere In Our Community

Racine Lutherans Join for Epiphany Fest January 7

The congregations of the ELCA's Racine Mission Cluster will hold their annual Epiphany Festival on Wednesday, January 7, 1998 at Messiah Lutheran Church, off Durand Avenue south of Pritchard Park.



There will be a pot luck supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a worship service at 7:00. Participants are invited

to join a mass choir to sing "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (hymn #649 in *With One Voice*). There will be no group rehearsal beforehand.

Valparaiso Guild Holds Breakfast Meeting

The Racine Chapter of the Valparaiso Guild will have a breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 17, 1998, at 8:00 a.m. at the Meadows Family Restaurant, 10615 Northwestern Avenue in Franksville. If you plan to attend or have any further questions, please call Charlotte Roshar, 637-4617.

Make the ACE-LEAP into the New Year

by Walter Wangerin

December begins the New Year—the New *Church* year, I mean, when the story of our Lord begins again as the true drama of our lives. And because the story actually shapes our year—our worship, our holy celebrations and perceptions, our spiritual experience from the birth of Jesus to his ascension—that story also shapes us. We are actors in the drama!

You can identify the successive acts of our sacred play by a mnemonic device. Call it the ACE-LEAP. And here's how it goes—

A is for *Advent*, the prologue, during which our excitement, our interest and expectations increase: "Who's coming? Why is he coming? And what kinds of appearances will he make?" The Hero isn't on stage yet, but our anticipation increases.

C is for *Christmas*, Act One, the entrance of the Hero onto the stage and into our lives. Oh, what delight at the beginning of this drama, what love and goodness.

E is for *Epiphany*, Act Two, the presentation of the Hero through his actions and the development of our knowledge. This is the King of Jews and gentiles, the Son of God, one who performs miracles for the sake of the people, for their health, safety and atonement. On the first Sunday of Act Two, we hear the voice of God and Jesus' baptism (and on the last Sunday at his Transfiguration) declare, "This is my beloved Son."

L is for *Lent*, Act Three, when

the Hero actually engages in the terrible, elemental struggle for the salvation of all people. With every Sunday, the story grows in tension: Satan tempts him; he fights sin; he fights death; and finally he performs the climax of the story during Holy Week, his suffering and his death. And we experience sorrow now with the same intensity as we experienced joy at his arrival in Christmas.

E is for *Easter*, Act Four, the holy resolution of the play, of the world, of the very real conflict between

good and evil—and we are raised once more to an indestructible joy!

A is for *Ascension*, Act Five, when all is brought to the powerful conclusion that the Hero, now returning to his glory forever, goes to sit at the right hand of God in power for the sake of the whole world.

P is for *Pentecost*, the long Epilogue, when all that the Hero has done now returns upon us, the audience, through the presence and the person of the Holy Spirit. And we, the church, are both commissioned and empowered to carry this sacred story, the good news, throughout the world to every person. We are now the body of Christ, the Hero, evident upon the earth.

Dear people, what a story! There is none other more important. And this is the story I will continue to tell you (in all I do) through the broadcast ministry of Lutheran Vespers.



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Helping Business Care for Creation

What if your congregation could reach out to affect the way Fortune 500 companies follow environmentally responsible business practices? In fact, as part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, congregations have had a hand in working with two such companies in the last twelve months to enact environmentally sensitive policies!

Baxter International is one of the largest producers of medical supplies in the world. Its main office is in Deerfield, Illinois. Eighteen percent of its business is conducted overseas. Based on the ELCA social statement, "Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice" which calls the ELCA to "urge businesses to implement comprehensive environmental principles," a shareholder resolution was filed asking Baxter to endorse the CERES

Principles. This is a set of ten principles about environmental practices, developed by the Coalition on Environmentally Responsible Economies. The ELCA Board of Pensions is a beneficial owner of shares of stock in Baxter International.

After several meetings with Baxter staff, ELCA representatives, and other ecumenical representatives, Baxter decided to endorse these principles at a special signing ceremony during its international conference. The ELCA was represented in the negotiation and presentation by the Division for Church in Society's director for Corporate Social Responsibility. Earlier the same year, through dialogue with ITT, another Fortune 500 company endorsed the CERES Principles.



ELCA Council's Work on the Concordat Continues

The Church Council of the ELCA asked the presiding bishops and The Episcopal Church to rework the "Concordat of Agreement." The council's goal is to have a draft document ready to show at the next synod assemblies.

At its Churchwide Assembly in August, voting members narrowly defeated the original "Concordat" which would have established full communion between the full churches. But the assembly rededicated the church to work toward that relationship. The next opportunity to vote is the 1999 assembly.

Bishop H. George Anderson reported that he has met with Episcopal Bishop Edmund Browning and Bishop-elect Frank Griswold. "Each has assured me of the commitment of that church to continue on the journey with us as we seek to carry out the charge given by our assembly."

Remember the Hungry folk: Think SOUPer Bowl

This January, just as the NFL football season is ending, more than 4,000 church youth groups will celebrate the "Souper Bowl."

Using large soup pots, these young people will collect \$1 per person at the end of the worship service on Super Bowl Sunday. This money will go to the ministry of their choice. ELCA youth may choose to send part of the funds to a local soup kitchen or

food bank, and part to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Last year, worshippers from many denominations from 49 states gave \$1.3 million. For more information, call 800/358-SOUP or write Souper Bowl, 125 Sparkleberry Lane, Columbia, SC 29229.



Souper Bowl Giving Opportunities in YOUR Area...

- Second Harvest Food Bank, 1700 W. Fond du Lac Ave., Milwaukee, 414/931-7400
- The Gathering, 804 East Juneau, Milwaukee, 414/272-3028
- Habitat for Humanity, 2322 N. 30th St., Milwaukee, 414/562-6180
- The Haiti Project, 804 East Juneau, Milwaukee, 414/272-3028
- Our Savior Lutheran Food Pantry, 2219 Washington Ave., Racine, 414/633-2243
- St. Benedict the Moor Meal Program, 1015 N. 9th St., Milwaukee, 414/271-0135

there are many more ministries to choose from—just call us and ask! (414/671-1212)

"Hard Copy" exposes Nicaraguan Sweatshops

The plight of the Nicaraguans who work in the factories of the Free Trade Zone in Managua was brought to the attention of the U.S. public in November when the television program "Hard Copy" aired a three-part report about the Free Trade Zone that exposed the poor working conditions, starvation-level salaries and use of under-age labor in those factories. Now, letters are needed to the chief executive officers of Wal-Mart, Kmart, and J.C. Penney, all of which have contracts in Nicaragua's Free Trade Zone, asking them not to leave Nicaragua but rather to remain, work to clean up the factories and guarantee respect for human and worker rights.

BACKGROUND:

Sweatshop owners take advantage of Nicaragua's high unemployment rate to pay miserable wages to workers. The TV programs included testimonies from workers in which they spoke of sexual harassment and physical and verbal abuse by floor supervisors in factories that produce for Wal-Mart, Kmart and JC Penney.

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Witness for Peace

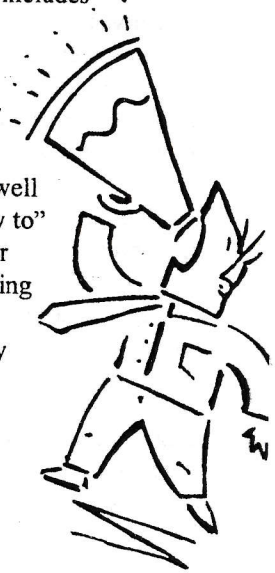
Voices... from our Synod

Watch for an article in the up-coming issue of *Voices of Congregational Life*.

This winter issue which features several articles on "telling the story" including how every congregation can *Tell the ELCA's story* through its own members' voices of experiencing ministry. It is by Pastor Paul Stumme-Diers and is based on the synod's Connections Project.

All congregations receive this quarterly publication courtesy of the Division for Congregations Ministries (DCM) and the ELCA Dept. for communication.

Ask your pastor or other congregational leaders about this great publication which always includes reproducible articles and graphics, as well as "how to" hints for replicating good ministry ideas.



For example, the Chentex factory is one of the largest contractors in the zone and the site of production for several major U.S. companies. One Chentex worker's pay slip indicated that she earned 299.04 cordobas for

Sweatshop owners take advantage of Nicaragua's high unemployment rate to pay miserable wages to workers

14 days of work. At 9.8 cordobas to the U.S. dollar, this comes to \$30.51 for the two week period or \$2.18 per day. The workday is 9 hours and 15 minutes, which means that the worker earned 22 cents per hour. She also worked seven hours overtime which increased her wage to 340 cordobas, which is \$34.69 for the 14 day period and brings her fully-loaded wage to 24 cents an hour.

The television programs caused great uproar in Nicaragua and extensive hostility from labor officials and executives in the country. Nine workers have been fired since the programs aired; four of the workers are among those who spoke on camera about wages and conditions in the factories. The others had been involved in union organizing efforts. A worker died in the Free Trade Zone in the middle of controversy, electrocuted by a piece of machinery that workers had reported was malfunctioning but which was not repaired

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URGENT ACTION NEEDED:

Please write to the chief executive officers of Wal-Mart, Kmart, and J.C. Penny at the following addresses urging them to remain in Nicaragua and take the lead in setting a new corporate ethic. Demand that their contractors work to guarantee respect for Nicaraguan workers' rights. Also ask them to join the White House Task Force to Eliminate Sweatshop Abuses. For a sample letter, or more

detailed information about the Nicaraguan situation, please contact Kris Davis at the Synod office, 414/671-1212.

Please Write To:

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WAL-MART HOME OFFICE
702 SW 8TH STREET
BENTONVILLE, AR 72716
FAX: 501/273-4894

MR. JAMES E. OESTEREICHER, CEO
J.C. PENNEY
P.O. Box 10001
DALLAS, TX 75024
FAX: 972/431-9518

MR. FLOYD HALL, CEO
KMART CORPORATION
3100 WEST BIG BEAVER
TROY, MI 48064
FAX: 248/614-1970

Kids, Community to Be Priorities in 1998

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

—Isaiah 43:19

Isn't it amazing how God is able to take those wilderness and barren times in our individual lives and in our community of faith and turn them inside out and upside down? That's what I see happening here at Emmaus, and I'm excited about it!

Several months ago when we hit a major bump in the road (i.e., financial shortfall) during our journey, at first glance it certainly didn't appear to be an opportunity for growth. Now I can see new growth and a willingness to vision where earlier I wasn't even sure how those seeds of possibility would spring forth.

In a sermon preached a decade ago by Rev. Margaret Ann Cowden, she says, "...the new thing God is doing among us calls us to new patterns in our leadership and the manner in which we work... much of what God is doing in our midst goes unrecognized and growth that is bursting forth within us is perceived as a threat to who we once were, rather than a celebration of who we now are."

Currently we are exploring new territory—new mission fields. And those mission fields are right outside our doors. In the coming months, you will hear us talk more about our neighborhood, and we will also be

pursuing new possibilities of working collaboratively with other area churches and with the schools.

How did this focus come about? It began in the midst of conversations about generating more income for Emmaus, but we have quickly moved beyond that. (The good news is that this still holds financial opportunities for us.) We are asking, "What are the needs of the families surrounding the church? How can we be a welcome presence in the schools in our neighborhood? Is there a way we can work cooperatively rather than competitively with area ELCA churches?"



We, your pastors, together with the task force on staffing and ministry and the church council, are in conversation with Rev. Susan Ruehle of the Synod Staff. We have heard the mandate of the congregation by way of the cottage meetings and the fall stewardship campaign—a mandate to move ahead rather than to settle for maintenance and status quo. It is also clear that the kids of Emmaus and of the community need to be a priority as we plan our ministry into the next millennium.

It is so reassuring to know that in the midst of change and new growth and possibilities, we have a God who remains faithful, constant and steadfast. And knowing that, I can say in all confidence that we have the potential not only to transform but to be

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Pastor Mary's Column,
continued

transformed as we open ourselves to the new thing God is doing in us, around us and through us.

Would you like to be in further conversations about "visioning to 2001 and beyond"? I'd welcome the chance to talk more—over lunch, a cup of coffee or by phone. God works through *all* of us—let *your* voice be heard!

Blessings to you in the New Year!

In the Spirit's love,

Pastor Mary

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In the January Visitor:

- ▶ Annual Meeting January 18
- ▶ Epiphany Festival at Messiah January 7
- ▶ New Offering Envelopes Arriving by Mail
- ▶ Pastor Paul's Bible Study Begins January 21
- ▶ Meet Our New Members!

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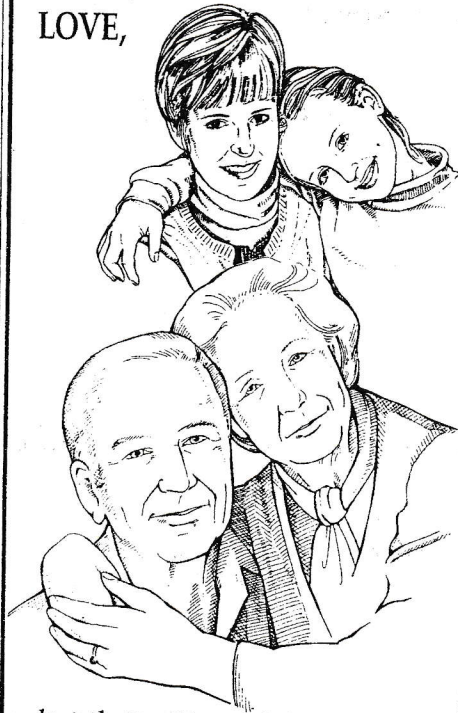
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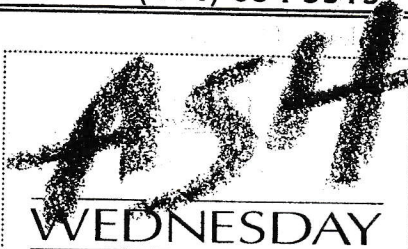
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And now these three remain;
FAITH, HOPE and
LOVE,



but the greatest of these is
LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13



Ash Wednesday services will be held February 25 at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

In the February EMMAUS VISITOR:

- ♥ Three New Members Join Council
- ♥ 6th-7th Graders Go On Retreat Feb. 20-21
- ♥ Youth Lead Worship Feb. 15
- ♥ Who's Your Child's Best Youth Minister?

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

Heather Miller
Jan. 11, 1998

Heather, age 13, is the daughter of Eric and Mary Ann Miller, and the granddaughter of Erik and Ella Nielsen. Her sponsors are Carol Robuck and Julie Lynch. A student at Horlick High School, Heather has made an offering of special music at Emmaus a number of times, most recently as part of the Sunday School Christmas pageant.

Funeral:

Dorothy Jacobsen
Jan. 30, 1998

Mrs. Jacobsen (née O'Dell) passed away January 26 at the age of 103. A resident of Racine since 1918, she had been a member of Emmaus since affirming her faith in 1927.

We extend our sympathy to Chester Meyer and family on the death of his sister, Laura Miller, in Minnesota January 19.

MEMORIALS

Non-Designated Memorials:

In memory of Arden C. Bertermann: \$195.00



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 Superintendent: Pat Liesch	Senior Center Director: Carol Eschman
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 25. Lenten midweek services will be offered Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:40 p.m. beginning March 3-4.

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 16.

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Annual Congregational Meeting

Budget Approved; Council Elected

The 1998 Annual Meeting of the congregation was held January 18 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 1998 budget.

Council Slate Elected

Many from the 1997 council were re-elected with three new members: Margaret Christensen and Chris and Caren Lamberton. Lyle Zielke switched from the post of Vice-President to that of the chair of the Stewardship Committee.

Here, then, is the full slate:

- Cathy Knuteson, President*
- Chris Lamberton, Vice President*
- Irene Pechman, Secretary*
- Amy Larsen, Treasurer*
- Margaret Christensen, Financial Secretary*
- Ellen Nuechterlein, Congregational Life*
- Carol Yust, Deacons*
- Caren Lamberton, Parish Education*
- Lyle Zielke, Stewardship*
- Cheryl Dexter, WELCA*
- Kathy Christensen, Worship & Music*
- Chris Olson, Youth Ministry.*

CHURCH Leadership



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

The budget proposal was passed after detailed explanation. Thanks was expressed for outgoing members Peter Bayer, Kathy Christensen, and Tim Van Berg, who between them served over ten years on council.

Copies of the 1997 Annual Report are still available in the narthex.

New Council to Take Retreat at Bethania

The 1998 Church Council will get underway at a different time and place: Saturday morning, February 14, at Bethania Lutheran Church (on Wright Avenue, a couple blocks west of Lathrop). We will arrive beginning at 8:30 a.m. with light breakfast refreshments and get started by 9:00. Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Sue Ruehle, will help lead the morning's agenda.

Racine Cluster Assembly to Meet Feb. 3

The annual assembly of the Racine Mission Cluster of the ELCA will convene at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February

3. Pastors and delegates to the Greater Milwaukee Synod assembly should plan to attend; the assembly is open to all ELCA church members.

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

Each camper will need to send a check to Emmaus for \$15.00, payable to Lutherdale, by Feb. 16. 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: drivers are needed to drive the group to and/or from Lutherdale. This is about a 45-minute trip. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul or Pastor Mary for further details.



Affirmation of Baptism

Seventh Graders who have completed their retreat will be asked to participate in Affirmation of Baptism during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on February 22.

News from the Pews

Al Svendsen Appears in TV Ad

Emmaus members who read the *Journal Times* have been attentively watching the commercials on TV for a glimpse of Al Svendsen. Svendsen appears in an ad for Nike sportswear, in a 1946 photo of him wearing #51 for the Superior, Nebraska, High School football team.

The commercial includes several brief scenes while The Verve's

Bittersweet Symphony is played; about halfway through the ad, you see children's hands reaching up from below the screen to touch Svendsen's framed photo on a shelf barely within their reach. In real life, a copy of the photo hangs on the wall of son Steve Svendsen's office in Los Angeles, where it

was admired by an associate in the advertising business.



Youth Sunday Is February 15

This winter'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!

The BIC Pen

LYE Info Meeting Slated February 1

The Lutheran Youth Congress will conduct its Lutheran Youth Encounter weekend in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency-O'Hare Hotel on March 20-22. The theme will be "Wide Awake," based on Ephesians 5:13-14.

In the past, Emmaus high school youth have attended this event and have found it to be extremely beneficial to them in their spiritual growth as Christians in today's world.

Believers In Christ (BIC) senior high youth interested in attending the Lutheran Youth Event in Chicago are invited to meet at 9:15 a.m. February 1 at church. David Christensen will share his experiences in the Fireside Room.

Registration deadline for the event is February 19. The cost for the weekend is \$122 plus meals. Contact Cindi Larsen (681-0282).



Submarine Thanks

Thanks to all of our Superbowl Sub Sandwich purchasers. The proceeds will be used to help Emmaus youth attend the Lutheran Youth Encounter weekend.

Welcome, 9th Graders

We would love to have you attend our BIC group meetings on Sundays until your confirmation classes begin again. We meet in the Fireside Room every Sunday at 9:15.

February Youth Birthdays

Feb. 3	Krystle Mayer	11
Feb. 4	Cora Balthazar	4
Feb. 8	David Rudey	18
Feb. 9	April Falaschi	11
Feb. 9	Laura Zeleski	2
Feb. 16	Josie Hermann	15
Feb. 18	Justin Pipol	9
Feb. 18	Katie Yaktiyol	14
Feb. 25	Ryan Kreimer	17
Feb. 27	Amanda Bloom	12
Feb. 27	Alex Maryland	3

Hosts Needed for Valparaiso University Chorale Visit

Mark your calendars for a wonderful choir concert coming to Racine on Tuesday night, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. The Valparaiso University Chorale will present a variety of sacred music at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road.



overnight hosts of the choir members, who will be paired up by gender. All that is involved is taking one or more pairs home with you after the concert, and then providing a place to sleep overnight, some breakfast, and transportation back to the church in the morning. If you can volunteer your help in this matter, please contact Pastor Paul.

Pastor Paul is an alumnus of Valparaiso and was contacted to help host the event. The greatest need is for

WELCA Bulletins

Women to Hold Lenten Breakfast, Retreat

by Myra Nielsen

We are in need of help on the retreat committee. Any woman who would like to work on the committee, please contact the church office (634-

5515). A date to keep in mind: the retreat is April 3-4. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Williams Hawkins; many of you will remember from when she spoke at our Lenten breakfast last year.

ADULT FORUM TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

Adult Forum meets between Sunday services at 9:20 in the Sunset Room. All Emmaus members are invited to participate. Topics for February:

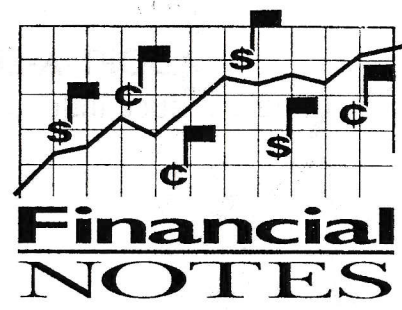
- Feb. 1: **Sustainable Racine.** We will discuss the January 31 community forums around the city of Racine on what can be done to build on our neighborhoods' strengths and improve our community.
- Feb. 8: **Inspire! Bible Study.** Pastor Mary's Bible study on the book of Acts resumes.
- Feb. 15 **To Be Announced**
- Feb. 22 **To Be Announced**

2001 Fund Moves Emmaus Years Ahead in a Matter of Months

One of the highlights of 1997 was to move significantly forward in retiring the debt through the efforts of the Emmaus 2001 Fund. Since the contributions began flowing in last September, here are the basic facts:

- Number of pledges: 45
- Total amount pledged: \$67,440
- Total given in 1997: \$35,308
- Interest saved in 1997: \$93,000+
- Years advanced: 6

The last two numbers are calculated from the amortization schedule; namely, that we have moved ahead more than six years on that schedule, saving over \$93,000 in



interest with our \$35,308 of extra payments on principal. When the 2001 Fund Committee first

met in May, the principal stood at over \$214,000. As of January 12, the principal stood at \$175,837.24.

Your pledges and contributions to the Fund continue to be welcome! Let's keep moving forward to retiring that debt by Emmaus' 150th anniversary celebration in 2001.

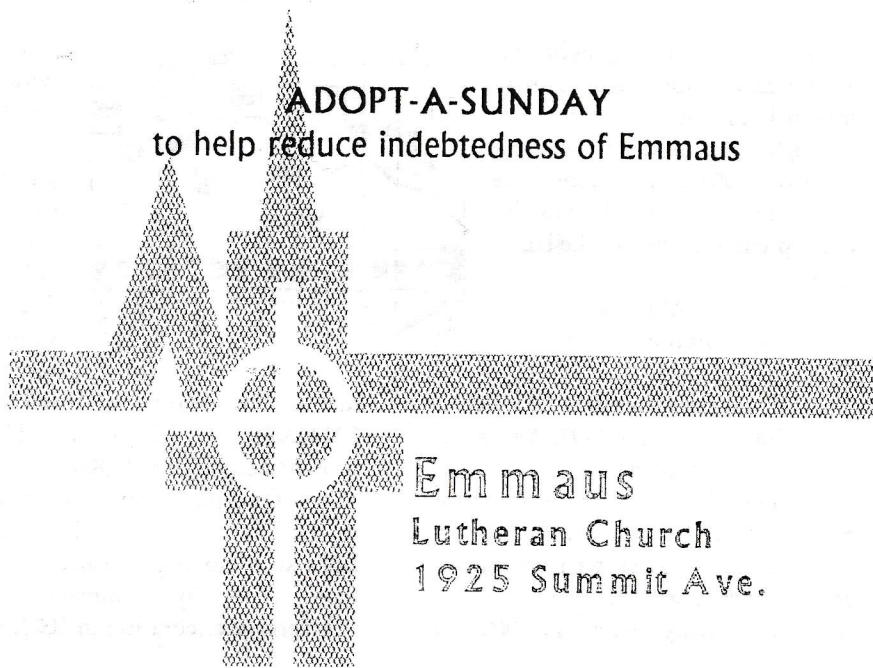
EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, Dec.:	1995: 177	1996: 195	1997: 193
Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	1996: 168	1997: 152	1998: 157
Average weekly attendance, Feb.:	1996: 190	1997: 183	

Financial Statistics

	Needed for Budget	Actual
Gen'l Fund & loose offerings rec'd in Dec.	\$15,193.00	\$24,061.64
Gen'l Fund & loose offerings rec'd in 1997 ...	\$199,186.00	\$178,870.15
Mortgage payments:		
Principal	December \$663.60	1997 Total \$5,997.99
Interest	\$1,263.40	\$17,318.35
Extra Principal	\$	\$25,630.58
Total	\$1,927.00	\$48,946.92
Principal balance as of December 31, 1997		\$185,798.23
December Bldg. Fund/Adopt-Sun. offerings	\$5,821.00	\$15,627.00
2001 Fund offerings	\$2,275.00	\$25,645.69

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: _____

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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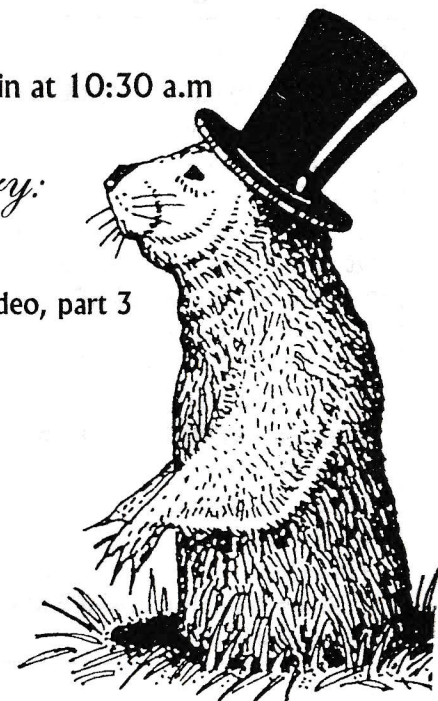
Director: Pastors Paul and Mary

The center opens at 10:00 a.m.

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

Program for February:


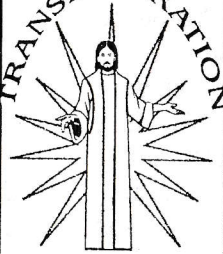
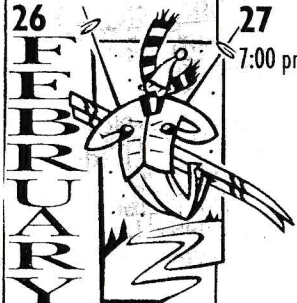
- Feb. 3 10:00 Coffee
10:30 American Indian video, part 3
12:00 Regular lunch
1:00 Social activities
- Feb. 10 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Valentine cookies
12:00 Regular lunch
1:00 Social activities
- Feb. 17 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Presidents' Day
12:00 Regular lunch
1:00 Social Activities
- Feb. 24 10:00 Coffee
10:30 Mental Health
11:30 Birthday lunch
1:00 Social activities



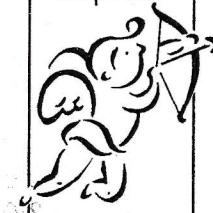
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND BETTER

Feb. 3	Keith Protheroe	1831 Geneva Street	53402
Feb. 4	Dan Bertram	5455 Durand Avenue	53406
Feb. 5	Mary Buelow	3300 Wright Avenue	53405
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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am BIC meeting in re LYE weekend Mar. 20-22 9:20 am Adult Forum: Sustainable Racine 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion</p>	<p>2 Presentation of Our Lord 3:30 pm WELCA Bible study leaders 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 6:45 pm "Truth for Our Times" Bible study 7:00 pm Cluster Assembly at Our Savior's Lutheran</p>	<p>4 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Mary Larsen's 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>5 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Inspire! Bible study 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>7 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>
<p>8 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: Inspire! Bible study 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer</p>	<p>9 10:15 am Hymn Selection cmte.</p>	<p>10 10:00 am Senior Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'</p>	<p>11 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>12 Lincoln's Birthday</p>	<p>13 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>14 St. Valentine, Martyr 9:00 am Church Council at Bethania 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>15 YOUTH SUNDAY 8:00 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: 10:30 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy Communion</p>	<p>16 Presidents' Day March Visitor deadline</p> 	<p>17 9:30 am Cluster Clergy meeting at Resurrection 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>18 Martin Luther, Doctor & Confessor 6:45 pm "Truth for Our Times" Bible study 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>19 Lutheran Youth Event registration deadline</p>	<p>20 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>21 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>
<p>22 Transfiguration Sunday 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer; affirmation of Baptism for 7th graders</p>	<p>23 TRANSFIGURATION</p> 	<p>24 St. Matthias, Apostle 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>25 Ash Wednesday 12:15 & 7:00 pm Worship Services with Holy Communion</p>	<p>26 FEBRUARY</p> 	<p>27 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>28 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>

Pastor Paul at Lutherdale Continuing Ed



6th-7th Grade confirmation retreat at Lutherdale

FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Jan. 31 5:00 pm		Boots LeRoux Margaret Christensen		
Feb. 1 8:00 am	TBA	Linda Meteyard Helen Mickelson	Team #7 John Cook	Bev Hansen
Feb. 1 10:30 am	TBA	Evelyn Larsen	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Kylee Albright
Feb. 8 8:00 am	TBA		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Cindi Larsen
Feb. 8 10:30 am	TBA		Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Kathy Christensen
Feb. 14 5:00 pm		Evelyn Larsen		
Feb. 15 8:00 am	TBA	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	YOUTH SUNDAY	YOUTH SUNDAY
Feb. 15 10:30 am	TBA	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	YOUTH SUNDAY	YOUTH SUNDAY
Feb. 22 8:00 am	TBA		Team #3 Harold Miller	Eileen Olson
Feb. 22 10:30 am	TBA		Team #2 Bob Christensen	John W. Knuteson
Feb. 25 12:15 pm 7:00 pm		12:15 Marge Zielke & Marge Jensen 7:00 G. & K. Albright		
Feb. 28 5:00 pm		Brian & Denise Keller		
Mar. 1 8:00 am	TBA	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Marie Andersen
Mar. 1 10:30 am	TBA	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Justin Svoboda

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 1 Oscar & Ginny Haugsby
Feb. 8 Jim & Joan Larsen
Feb. 15 Yorgans; Sanderses
Feb. 22 Anne Yaktiyol

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Gregg & Kylee Albright
Marie Andersen
Emmaus Youth
Betty Barth

“Enter to Dine; Depart to Serve”

The signs above the sanctuary door, reading “Enter to dine” as you come in and “Depart to serve” as you leave were part of our children’s time on the First Sunday after the Epiphany (January 11). We talked about Christian educator Mary McLeod Bethune, who posted similar signs above the entrance to the main hall in her school.

These signs remind us



throughout the Epiphany season that we come each week to be fed by God in Word and Sacrament in order to “Go in peace, serve the Lord.”

The Power of the Word

“When we first heard the Word of God, we thought it was a tree under which we could sit and rest. Now we find it is a machete which we must pick up and go to work.”

—An African pastor

Can You Help REST Program?

We are in need of volunteers for all shifts, especially the second and third shifts. Here is what each shift does:

6:30-11:00 p.m. - First shift helps set up sleeping mats, dispenses sheets, pillows, towels, washcloths, etc. This shifts help 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:

- ♥ men’s long underwear
- ♥ 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, of course, **volunteers!**

You can include monetary contributions with your regular Sunday offering (write “REST” on the blank line under “Special for” on your offering envelope). Non-perishable items marked for REST can be left in the church office any time. Contact Pat Liesch at 835-1363. Thank you!

Parish Nursing Addresses Spiritual and Physical Health

What does your Parish Nurse do? How is she able to help you? Parish nurses have many roles.

One of these is to promote a partnership between personal faith

and modern medicine. Parish nurses assist this partnership by helping to integrate health and healing needs of patients and their loved ones. As a professional nurse, I can provide counseling, referral, advocacy, prayer sharing, and spiritual companionship as well as health education and health program planning. As your parish nurse, I do not provide direct care, but may be involved in blood pressure screening, stress management and care giver support.

I want to be available to meet your needs. My schedule is arranged so that I can be available to you on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday. This plan increases my accessibility to you and also helps me to organize my time more effectively. I am willing to set up other mutually agreeable meeting times, to meet your needs; feel free to phone the church office or contact me at home — 835-2372.

In helping you to better understand your illness or injury, it is often helpful to have a list of 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. Your doctor should be able to help you understand your condition and treatment, but you may need to keep asking questions. I may be able to help you to understand the answers to help you to make changes that will benefit you.

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?
 - ♥ What side effects or complications might we expect?
 - ♥ How much will this cost?
 - ♥ What can I do on my own to improve my condition?

- 2.) Questions dealing with how your
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Pastor Paul Helps to Lead Continuing Education for Pastors

Pastor Paul, along with author Gil Bailie, will lead other pastors and church leaders in continuing education February 2-5. Gil Bailie comes from the San Francisco area to be the main presenter at two area retreats. He and Pastor Paul will lead regional campus

pastors at Siena Center on February 2-3, and another group of clergy and church leaders at Lutherdale on February 4-5. They will present and discuss the work they are each doing in exploring "the anthropology of the Cross" as pioneered by René Girard.

Pastor Paul's Bible Study Meets a Day Early

"The Truth for Our Times" Bible study will have a one-time schedule change: its next session will be Tuesday, February 3, 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. with special guest Gil Bailie, author of *Violence Unveiled*. We will resume our regular schedule of meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of

the month on February 18.

It's not too late to join this Bible study; please talk to Pastor Paul if you are interested.



Parish Nurse's Column, *continued*

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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.

Your servant in Christ,

Carol Eschmann, RN

Mission Moment

Douglas Fisher
All Saints Lutheran Church
Palatine, Illinois

Doug Fisher is a corporate lawyer serving his second term as a member of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council.

In both capacities, he is vitally concerned with issues of faith and justice. But when asked for his ideas on those subjects, he had to write them down.

Here, slightly edited, are some of his ideas about faith and what it means to be a Christian:

"My faith journey was long and filled with wrong turns. I was not raised in a religious family. We attended services at Christmas and Easter, but basically, I had to find my way to faith by myself.

"Even as a child, I had a problem with the idea that life after death was the reward for doing good deeds.

"I struggled with developing an adult understanding of God.

"As a result, I am concerned about what non-believers think about Christianity and what we teach our children. If Sunday Schools teach about Jesus as some kind of Santa Claus, where does faith go when we find out there is no Santa Claus?

"I am bothered by Christians who emphasize what Jesus can do for you.

"My faith rests on a firm belief that there is a spiritual force—God—that can touch and move in our lives. I often feel God's presence as a gentle, but very clear, tugging in a direction I do not want to go.

"When you have faith—when you are open and aware of God's presence—the direction of the tugging is clear: to the service of others.

"Jesus' main message is not about what you get from God. It is about what you give to God.

"And for me, the nature of that gift is quite clear. We are to be servants to others."

Congregations are urged to copy these Mission Moments to use as bulletin inserts and articles for congregation newsletters and tracts.

Benevolence supports ministry, mission

Jesus Christ calls his church to be in the places and with the people the rich and powerful have abandoned.

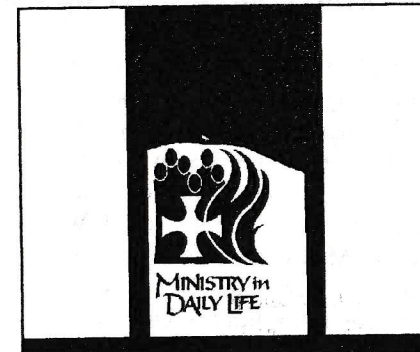
Such ministry is often difficult and expensive, but with your help, it is happening every day.

Your benevolence helps the ELCA's Division for Outreach start and support Hispanic ministries in the Texas-Mexico corridor and among migrant workers in California and Oregon and Minnesota.

It helps the House of Prayer in Syracuse, N.Y., minister to a community with a huge concentration of single parents and their children.

And Reformation in Milwaukee reach out to an inner city community that has no name.

In more affluent areas, your benevolence has launched new congregations such as Feast of Victory, Acme, Mich., and Resurrection, Newnan, Ga. They are reaching unchurched neighbors with the good news of Jesus Christ.



"If Sunday Schools teach about Jesus as some kind of Santa Claus, where does faith go when we find out there is no Santa Claus?"

Doug Fisher
All Saints Lutheran Church
Palatine, Illinois

"I have met many new friends.

"My friend Bobby encouraged me to become baptized, which made me very happy."

Dennis Walker
House of Prayer,
Syracuse, N.Y.

"I feel I've been called here to help the church find new ways to welcome people to the good news of Jesus Christ."

Susan Cordell
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Atlanta, Ga.

Wisconsin Churches Set Up Fund to Aid Injured Amish Man

Last October 5, the second story of the building in Sauk County where an Amish congregation was worshipping collapsed beneath the weight of 150 people. Six members of the congregation were sent to UW Hospital in Madison. One of the six, Mr. Henry Yoder, age 57, suffered severe injuries to his head and neck and is not likely to be able to walk again.

Because the Amish community does not participate in medical insurance, the Yoder family and the Amish community have been left to pay Mr. Yoder's medical bill. The hospital reduced the original bill from

\$170,000 to \$130,000, and the Amish community has raised \$25,000 of that amount.

In light of recent incidents expressing hate and prejudice against the Amish community, the Wisconsin Council of Churches has set up the Henry Yoder Medical Fund in the Lime Ridge Branch of the Reedsburg Bank in Lime Ridge, Wisconsin. Contributions to this fund should be made payable to the Wisconsin Council of Churches, the Henry Yoder Medical Fund, and mailed to WCC at 750 Windsor Street, #301, Sun Prairie, WI 53590-2149.

Elsewhere in Our Area

All Saints VNA Class Begins

All Saints Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice will begin a volunteer training class on Saturday, February 7 and Saturday, February 21. Classes will be held at 4000 Spring Street, in the conference room from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Join our Hospice team in this rewarding work. You can be included in patients' homes, with our hospice office, or in various community activities. Call 635-7580 and ask for Kris Kirchoof or Jennifer Hunter for more information.

Siena Center Hosts Program on African-American Spirituals

Enjoy an evening listening to spirituality in song as expressed by African Americans; attend "Sharing the African American Experience with God in Song" at the Siena Center on Tuesday, February 10. Presenter Marilyn Cowser, OSF, is a professional dancer and teacher and will share a series of spirituals with the audience. The program is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and costs \$7.50.

Other programs coming up in

February at the Siena Center: Dr. Dudley Riggle presents "Pain and Suffering: The Will of God?" on Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (cost \$7.50); Kathleen Bohn leads a retreat on "Dreams: Wholeness and Holiness" Feb. 27-Mar. 1 (cost \$115.00); and Father Martin Pable leads a couples' retreat, "The Healing Power of Marriage," March 6-8 (cost \$180 per couple).

Call 639-4100 for information.

Pastor Paul's Column

Who Is Your Child's Best Youth Minister?

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

As we enter into a year of emphasizing youth ministry at Emmaus, I would like for each of us who are parents to keep this question before us: "Who is my child's best youth minister?"

And, even more importantly, I would like us to seriously consider the answer, "I am." In other words, each of us as parents is the most important youth minister our child can ever have.

I am excited by the prospects of doing some new things this year with youth ministry. We will look at some new special trips, some new activities. I think it is also exciting to look at starting a latchkey program for Wadewitz or Gilmore, providing a needed ministry to youth in our neighborhood.

Yet, at the outset, I want to share with you a frustration I have generally felt when we begin talking about youth ministry in the church. Broadly speaking, I would categorize this frustration under the heading of "treating the symptom instead of the cause."

An example comes from the most recent monthly newsletter column from our bishop, Peter Rogness. Periodically, the leadership in the ELCA gets together to brainstorm about ministry in the ELCA. In a recent synod consultation, he shares that discussion centered around three C's: Cohesiveness, Community, and

Children. Here's what he said about the third:

Nearly all spoke of the huge number of children who are growing up with little stability and no adults who give it. We were scolded for our reticence to speak frankly of sexuality and morality. The gap between the "haves" and "have-nots" is particularly evident when society's most vulnerable are considered.

I applaud being challenged with our ministry to children. We seem to be at a point in history where large numbers of children are "falling through the cracks," and we need to find ways of ministering to them.

The aspect of "treating the symptom rather than the cause," however, is also glaring, isn't it? Did you notice in the bishop's statement about the problem the part about "no adults?" My frustration, then, is this: programmatic youth ministry in the church often addresses the problems our children face without addressing one of their crucial causes, namely, the lack of stability in the lives of their parents.

I want to stress that I don't want the making of this point to turn into an occasion for finger-pointing at someone else. I am a parent, and I'm keenly aware of the tremendous

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Pastor Paul's Column *Continued*

challenges that I face in giving my children a stable environment to be nurtured in. I raise this point as a challenge first of all to myself. Am I vigilant enough, for example, in monitoring all the media influences in my children's lives? Do I myself spend enough time with them as one of the most important stabilizing factors in their lives?

There's so much more to say on this matter. But it is also easy to get ahead of myself. We need to obviously get beyond issues raised here in a column to more of us actually getting involved in youth ministry here at Emmaus. This means helping in the programmatic area, finding ways to

support Chris Olson, Cindi Larsen, David Christensen, Pat Liesch, and our Youth Committee.

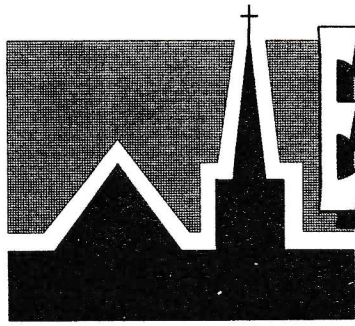
But it also means, I think, that we become more involved in efforts to be good parents. It isn't something that just comes naturally. It is something for which I rely on God's help, as well as help from brothers and sisters in Christ. How can we find ways of supporting one another in being the best parents that we can be? As we put an emphasis on youth ministry this year at Emmaus, let us keep before us this matter of being our children's own best youth ministers.

In the Spirit's love,

Pastor Paul

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Valparaiso Chorale to Visit Racine

The Valparaiso University Chorale, conducted by Dr. Christopher M. Cock, will perform in concert at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, at Green Bay Road and 16th Street, on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Chorale's annual tour. For more information, call Pastor Paul.

The performance will feature a program of works ranging from Bach's "*Komm, Jesu, Komm*," to a suite of American hymns and a variety of Spanish, African and American folk songs. Many of the works are included on the chorale's soon to be released compact disc, "*Traditions: Motets, Hymns and Folk Songs*." A free will donation will be matched by Aid Association for Lutheran Branches #4157 and #4435.



The 48-voice chorale is the premier student choral ensemble at Valparaiso University and annually tours in the United States. The group also has been featured at events such as the Indiana Music Educators Association annual convention.

Valparaiso University, located on a 310-acre campus 55 miles southeast of Chicago, was founded in 1859 and purchased in 1925 by The Lutheran University Association. It is nationally recognized by numerous groups and publications such as *U.S. News and World Report* magazine and enrolls approximately 3,600 students in its College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, college of Engineering, College of Nursing, Christ (honors) College, School of Law, and its Graduate and Evening divisions.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

Patrick William Austin
February 1

Patrick is the son of Kelley Toslek and William Austin, grandson of Gil and Barb Toslek, and great-grandson of Gilbert and Joyce Toslek. His sponsors are Jenny Austin and Mike Schultz.

Memorial Service:

Catherine Rankine Andreasen
February 28

Catherine Andreasen, 89, passed away February 24. She is the mother-in-law of Al & June Beck's daughter, LuAnn.

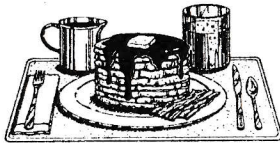
WELCA Bulletins

Women to Host Pancake Breakfast March 29

by Myra Nielsen

The women of Emmaus will hold a pancake breakfast on March 29. We will serve continually from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$4.50 for adults, \$2.00 for kids 12 years and under. Profits will go to WELCA and the 2001 Principal



Payment Fund.

Lenten Retreat

The women's spring retreat is coming up April 3-4. \$45 will cover the cost of the overnight, including two meals. If you can only attend the Saturday portion of the retreat, the cost is \$23, which also includes breakfast and lunch.

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 Adult choir Director: Marsha Connet
Sunday School Superintendent: Pat Liesch Senior 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. Lenten worship services are held Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The *Visitor* is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the April *Visitor* is March 16.

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Varied Lenten Opportunities Abound

Come, be a part of these opportunities!

Midweek Lenten Worship

Hymns born out of trial and suffering: come hear how God's word of hope and promise touched hymn writers during their times of trial, giving birth to some of the best loved hymns of the church. Featured hymns during our midweek Lenten services include: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past; Beneath the Cross of Jesus; The Old Rugged Cross; Amazing Grace; and Go to Dark Gethsemane.*

Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m.

— Come for lunch at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall (free will donation). Sign up in the narthex or call the church office by Monday noon to give us an idea of how many to plan for.

Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. — special music by selected choir members or the entire choir will be offered at each worship service.

Food for the Hungry Soul

Food for the Hungry Soul (And Body!) — Sunday, March 29. The Gospel According to Daisy! Pancakes and More!

Come to be fed in worship at 8:00 and 10:30 as we hear and experience God's Word. Daisy the Clown will share the word with children (and all of us!) at both services. Daisy will also have a special Bible story time at 9:15 a.m. for all Sunday School kids.

Come to be part of Pancake Day

(9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) — \$4.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Proceeds will be divided between 2001 Fund and Women's Mission and Project funds. Lutheran Brotherhood Matching Funds go to 2001 Fund.

Women's Retreat on Prayer

April 3 & 4 at the Siena Center: come, be touched by the Spirit.

Come to listen and be heard—in conversation in prayer—in the company of your sisters in Christ as we join together in God's presence.

"Prayer: Knowing and Being Known by God"

Retreat leader: Beverly

Williams Hawkins

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Registration fee: Including overnight & two meals: \$45.00. Saturday only (two meals) \$23.00.

Scholarships available; see Pastor Mary or Jan Svendsen.



Join Seniors for Lunch in Lent

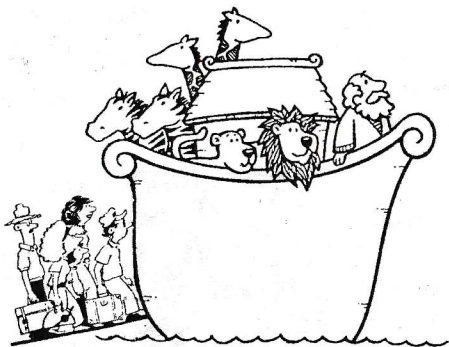
The Senior Fellowship Center invites anyone attending the Tuesday Lenten services to join them for lunch beforehand at 11:30. Suggested donation is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children 12 and under.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the church office by Monday morning so we can plan how much food we'll need.

What Are Your Plans for June, 2000?

Plans are now being finalized for a trip of a lifetime—the Holy Land and the Passion Play of Oberammergau. Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul invite you to join them as they board a Lufthansa flight departing from Chicago on June 19, 2000. In the Holy Land the group will visit Caesarea, Tiberias, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum and the site of the Sermon on the Mount. From the Jordan River to Nazareth to Jericho to Jerusalem, Bible stories will come alive. Visits to Bethlehem and the Garden of Gethsemane will also be included.

After the stay in the Holy Land, the group then travels to Germany. Following an overnight stay in the



medieval town of Rothenburg, the group moves on to the Bavarian village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Alps, where they will be housed in area village homes for two nights. One full day will include the day-long world famous Passion Play of Oberammergau. The next day, there will be a stop in Rüdesheim, a charming town on the Rhine River. The last full day includes a cruise on the Rhine.

Return to the U.S. will be July 1, 2000. Estimated cost of the trip is \$3,600-\$3,900 per person.

Would you like to learn more? Contact either of the pastors and/or plan to attend the March 22 informational meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Sunset Room.

Thanks to Youth Sunday Leaders

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Youth Service on February 15. 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. 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 Sedgwick, Justin Svoboda, Eric & Ken Larsen, Kristen & Ryan Clinton, Matt & P.J. Liesch, Melanie, Jennifer & Laura Olson, Heather Miller, Brandie Pedrosa, Willie Maryland, Joel Nuechterlein, Erin Svoboda, Alyssa Yorgan, Nathan and Kelsey Albright, Becky Fiebig, April Falaschi, Derek Hubbard, Ashley Lamberton and Jonathan Pechman. David Christensen advised the participants in the dramatic presentation. Thank you all!

KFC Nuggets & BIC Pen

March Project Is Helping with Breakfast

The Youth will be asked to help out with our Pancake Breakfast fund raiser on Sunday, March 29. Please see Chris Olson or Cindi Larsen for details.

Bowling for LSS April 19

Our youth activity for April is an afternoon of bowling on April 19. We'll take part in Lutheran Strikes and Spares, at Plaza Lanes starting at 2:00. This event is free, but you will need to collect pledges for each pin you knock down. (This is an annual fund-raising event of Lutheran Social Services to benefit local activities and programs in and through their Racine office.) We also need to be in teams of five bowlers.



This event is open to both middle and high school youth. Any questions? Please contact Chris Olson (634-2582) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

Family Week at Lutherdale

Register early for family summer camping at Lutherdale and save! Registration increases by \$25.00 in April. Our Youth Ministry Committee is designating the week of July 12-18 as a week for members to

register together. The sooner you get your registration in, the better chance you have of getting in the week of your choice!

To reach Lutherdale by phone, call 414-742-2352. We hope to have brochures available in the church office soon.

To the Parents

For four years, Kids For Christ middle school youth group has tried to plan youth activities on the second Sunday of the month. Please make your plans accordingly! We also need to youth to *commit* to signing up for these activities. Commitment starts at home! We will now have sign-up sheet for activities. Thank you — Chris Olson, Youth Chair.

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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



Pechman Raises \$75 for 2001 Fund

Jonathan Pechman has made a gift of \$75.00 to the 2001 Fund. Jonathan raised this money through his

Christmas portrait project. Thank you, Jonathan, for your hard work and generous gift!

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 6:45 p.m. on the following Tuesday evenings: March 17 and 24, and April 28. First Communion will be celebrated Sunday, May 3, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Register for Early Communion by March 22

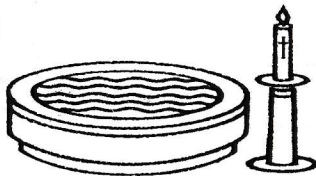
Emmaus is offering the opportunity for children who have not yet begun receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion to take their first communion on the first Sunday in May at the 10:30 worship service. Parents wishing to have their children younger than fifth grade take first communion on May 3 need to register your

intentions by March 22. This is so that the pastors have time to visit with each family in preparation.

First through fourth graders also will have a class to attend. A letter of explanation will be sent in response to your registration. The forms can be found on the secretary's desk in the church office. Simply fill one out and return it to the office.

7th Graders Affirm Baptism Vows

Ten members of the seventh grade class at Emmaus completed a study on baptism last month on retreat at



Lutherdale February 19-20. At the 10:30 service Sunday morning, February 22, they affirmed the vows made at their baptisms:

Alex Gueldenzopf
Nicole Larsen
P.J. Liesch

Heather Miller
Melanie Olson
Jonathan Pechman
Destiny Rodriquez

Erin Tussler
Chris Sedgwick
Erin Svoboda

Habitat For Humanity to Begin New Houses

Habitat for Humanity will begin construction of four new homes in Southeast Wisconsin, including one in Racine, in late April. Groundbreaking for a house in Milwaukee will be a part of the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly April 20-24.

Groundbreaking for the Racine house, at 21st Street and Hamilton

Avenue, will be April 25. Work will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are being sought to help with construction and to provide snacks for the builders. Please contact Lois Solberg at 554-9274.

Vacation Bible School Staff Needed

Mark your calendars for the 1998 Vacation Bible School for August 3-7. 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 preschoolers 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.

EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	1996: 168	1997: 152	1998: 157
Average weekly attendance, Feb.:	1996: 190	1997: 183	1998: 182
Average weekly attendance, March:	1996: 227	1997: 250	
Ash Wednesday attendance:	1996: 85	1997: 77	1998: 94

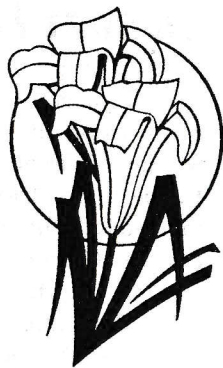
FINANCIAL FIGURES

	Needed for budget	Actual
Genl. Fund offerings received in Jan.	\$17,499.08	\$13,585.90
Genl. Fund offerings received in Feb.	\$17,499.08	\$17,507.18
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Jan.	\$1,490.00	\$608.00
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Feb.	\$1,490.00	\$287.00
2001 Fund offerings received in Jan.		\$6,091.25
2001 Fund offerings received in Feb.		\$285.00
Mortgage payments: Jan. principal		\$407.44
Jan. interest		\$1,082.56
Total		\$1,490.00

Flowering plants, symbolizing rebirth, have long been used to enhance the worship experience at Easter services. We have a wide variety to choose from this year. Choose from the plants listed below to decorate Emmaus church on this special day.

The plants will be yours to take after the late worship service on Easter Sunday, April 12.

Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on the form below and return it to the church office with payment by Thursday, March 26.



Quantity	Description	Cost
_____	7½" White Easter lily (6-9 flowers)	\$8.50
_____	6½" Colored lily	\$9.75
_____	7" Azalea	\$10.50
_____	7" Chrysanthemums	\$8.00
_____	6½" Daffodil	\$7.50
_____	6½" Hyacinth	\$7.50
_____	7" Hydrangea	\$10.50
_____	8" Regal Geranium	\$8.00
_____	6½" Tulip	\$7.25

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Given in memory / honor of: _____

For office use: *Print* *Order list* *Bulletin*

Relationships Need Healing, Too

by Carol Eschmann, RN

Parish nurses focus on promoting healing of not only the body, but of the mind, and of the spirit in individuals and in parishes. Sometimes healing of relationships is necessary. Besides relationships with family and friends, one must also have a personal relationship with Jesus. Recently, I received this letter on the internet. I want to share it with you as Lent begins.

Carol Eschmann, Parish Nurse
 Church: 634-5515
 Home: 835-2372
 Office Days Tuesday and Wednesday
 Blood pressure clinic Second Sunday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.

A Love Letter from Jesus

How are you? I just had to send you this letter to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would walk with me also.

As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day, and a cool breeze to rest you. Then I waited, but you never came.

Oh, yes, it hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your

face...Again I waited, wanting to draw near so we could talk. I have many gifts for you.

You awakened late this morning and rushed off for the day. My tears were in the rain.

Today you looked so sad, so alone. It makes my heart ache because I love you. I try to tell you in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves and trees, and

breathe it in the color of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams, and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air.

My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need you could ever have. We will spend eternity in heaven.

I know how hard it is on earth. I really know, because I was there, and I want to help you. My Father wants to help you, too. He's that way, you know.

Just call on me, ask me, and talk to me. It is your decision...I have chosen you, and because of this I will wait...Because I love you.

-Your friend, Jesus

Lenten "To Do" List

Wash what is dirty ... Water what is dry ... Heal what is wounded ... Warm what is cold ... Guide what goes off the road ... Love those who are least

lovable ... because they need it most.

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

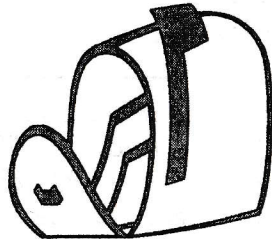
Shepherds Thanks Emmaus for Support

Dear Friends of Shepherds,

Thank you for the Campbell's labels and your continuing compassion on behalf of our residents.

This late winter season is relatively a quiet time around Shepherds. That may change soon, though—the Handbells and our Gospel Team will be returning from their Florida tour — The Handbells will go back

out on the road in mid-February to visit churches. The ladies of Clark Hall will also enjoy their annual "overnight" to the Findley Center.



Thank you for your continuing love for these special people. May God richly bless you.

In His service,

—Donald J. Burdick, President

MEMORIALS

Non-designated memorials:

Dorothy O'Dell Jacobsen: \$10.00



"Sunday Mornings Are a Lot Like Trash Days"

Tuesday mornings I usually wake up to the sounds of trash men picking up our weekly accumulation of letter. The hum of the trash compactor on the truck is a familiar sound that tells me it is Tuesday—the day of the week on which we get rid of the worldly accumulation of stuff that clutters up our place of residence. ...

Sunday mornings are a lot like Tuesday trash days. We wake up to the familiar hum of organ music, choir melodies, and, of course, the preacher's sermon. Have you thought about the amount of worldly trash we gather into

our soul each week? We are bombarded by things in direct opposition to a healthy spiritual life. It takes all we can do to sort through the mess on Sunday morning. And we don't always enjoy it!

Your home doesn't look so good if you don't get the trash out each week. Neither does the soul that sleeps in on Sunday morning and misses trash day! Come to church Sunday morning! It's worth the effort!

—Ralph Kelly,

Williard United Church of Christ,
Akron OH

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Director: Carol Eschmann

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



Programs for March:

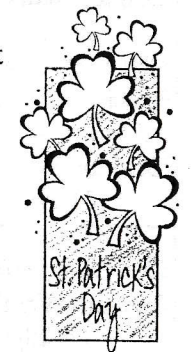
March 3 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - 500 Nations part 4: Invasion of the Coast
11:30 am - Lunch
12:15 pm - Lenten service
1:00 pm - Social activities

March 10 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - Marie Schiller, Occupational Therapist
11:30 am - Lunch
12:15 pm - Lenten service
1:00 pm - Social activities

March 17 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - Kitchen Band
11:30 am - Lunch
12:15 pm - Lenten service
1:00 pm - Social activities

March 24 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - Christine Folsom, Racine Women's Resource Center
11:30 am - Lunch
12:15 pm - Lenten service
1:00 pm - Social activities


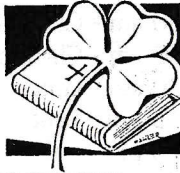
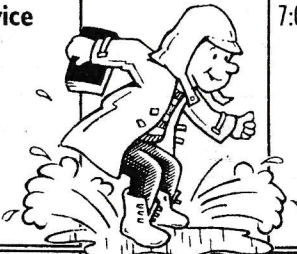
March 31 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
10:30 am - Esther Jensen's slides of China
11:30 am - Birthday Lunch
12:15 pm - Lenten service
1:00 pm - Social activities



MARCH BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND OVER

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Worship Service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: Video 10:30 am Worship Service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion	2 4:15 pm WELCA Bible study leaders 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	3 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 11:30 am Lunch 12:15 pm Worship Service 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Resurrection 7:30 pm Valparaiso U. Choir Concert at Mt. Pleasant	4 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle, Sunset Room 1:30 pm Mary Circle in Fireside Room 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Committee 6:45 pm Worship Service 7:30 pm "Truth for Our Times" Bible study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	5 ONLY 20 MONTHS UNTIL 2000!	6 7:00 pm REST	7 5:00 pm Worship Service
8 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 9:00 am Coffee fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: Inspire! Bible study 10:30 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer	9 7:00 pm Church Council	10 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 11:30 am Lunch 12:15 pm Worship Service 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jody Svoboda's	11 6:45 pm Worship Service 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice		13 7:00 pm REST	14 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
15 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: "Catch the Vision" 10:30 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion	16 	17 St. Patrick, Missionary 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 11:30 am Lunch 12:15 pm Worship Service 5:00 pm TOPS 6:45 pm 5th grade communion class	18 6:45 pm Worship Service 7:30 pm "Truth for Our Times" Bible study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	19 St. Joseph, Guardian of our Lord	20 7:00 pm REST	21 5:00 pm Worship Service
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MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

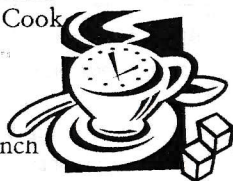
	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Feb. 28 5:00 pm		Brian & Denise Keller		
Mar. 1 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Marie Andersen
Mar. 1 10:30 am	Austin Schultz Nathan Albright	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #2 Bob Christensen	Justin Svoboda
Mar. 8 8:00 am	Becky Fiebig		Team #7 John Cook	Mildred Schroth
Mar. 8 10:30 am	Nichelle Slawson Valerie Yorgan		Team #4 Rich Christensen	Joel Nuechterlein
Mar. 14 5:00 pm		Pat Jensen		
Mar. 15 8:00 am	Jill Lynch	Judy Berndt Michele Kreimer	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Cathy Meyer
Mar. 15 10:30 am	Matt Liesch P.J. Liesch	Mildred Schroth Marge Jensen	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Marsha Connet
Mar. 22 8:00 am	Josie Hermann		Team #3 Harold Miller	Al Svendsen
Mar. 22 10:30 am	Rebecca Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan		Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Anne Yaktiyol
Mar. 29 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Betty Barth
Mar. 29 10:30 am	Brandi Pedrosa Tina Yust		Team #10 Bob Christensen	David Christensen
Apr. 4 5:00 pm		Pat Sodke Sandi Zeleski		

ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar. 1 Rich & Kathy Christensen
 Mar. 8 John & Meta Haanstad
 Mar. 15 Paul & Ellen Nuechterlein
 Mar. 22 Joy Halberstadt
 Mar. 29 Chester & Jean Poniatowski

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

John & Kathy Cook
 TBA
 TBA
 TBA
 Pancake Brunch



Candle Care: Kim Simonsen

AAL Awards Grant to Emmaus

Emmaus Lutheran Church has been awarded a \$375 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). The grant is designed to encourage the staff of Lutheran early childhood centers to pursue professional development opportunities.

The grant was provided to more than 4,000 Lutheran childhood centers through the AAL Lutheran Early Childhood Education Grant Program. Since 1995, AAL has provided more than \$4 million to Lutheran childhood

centers across the country.

"AAL recognizes the role that Lutheran early childhood educators play in providing the building blocks needed for children to grow in their education and their faith," said Juanita Harder, manager of AAL education benefits. "We are happy to support their work."

AAL, based in Appleton, Wisconsin, is a fraternal benefit society of 1.7 million Lutherans that provides insurance and volunteer opportunities to its members.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Women's Conference to Promote Coronary Health

Heart and blood vessel diseases are the leading cause of death for women, but only 8% of women know of their risks. Because many women do not take steps to avoid heart and blood vessel diseases, the American Heart Association has chosen to place a special emphasis on women and heart disease in 1998.

The American Heart Association, along with local physicians, will sponsor "Take Charge," a conference on women and

heart disease, Saturday, March 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Prairie School, 4050 Lighthouse Drive. Presentations and break-out groups will address topics such as exercise, relaxation techniques, diet, the effects of estrogen replacement therapy, risk factors and treatments.

Contact Linda Edgerton at 681-1141, or fill out a registration form (available in the Sunset Room) before March 6. There is a \$10.00 fee.

Bethania Hosts Racism Workshop

"Understanding & Dismantling Racism," a 2½-day workshop sponsored by Crossroads Ministry, will be held at Bethania Lutheran Church, 4120 Wright Avenue, March 26-28. The Thursday session runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; the Friday and Saturday sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to

6:00 p.m. The workshop is dedicated to mutual respect, caring and safety.

\$175 includes a training manual and lunches on Friday and Saturday. There are reduced fees for two or more persons from the same organization. Contact the Crossroads office at 636-8583.

Martin Marty Presents Ecumenical Program

Martin E. Marty, Ph.D., Professor at the University of Chicago and senior editor of *Christian Century*, will speak on "Deep Roots, Entangling Branches: When Traditions Meet" at Siena center, 5635 Erie Street, at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18. In this day-long program, Dr. Marty will explore

with us how we engage in honest and probing ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, while at the same time remaining true to our traditions.

Registration by April 10 guarantees lunch; \$30.00 covers lunch as well as the program (\$25.00 for the program alone). Contact S. Rita Lui at 639-4100.

Redeemer Preschool Opens Registration for Fall

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Cooperative Preschool, 2417 Drexel Avenue, is currently accepting registrations for the 1998-99 school year. The preschool's program promotes the development of children's socialization skills, creative expression, kindergarten readiness, and positive self-image within a Christian

atmosphere.

Families with preschool age children are invited to our annual Open House on Sunday, March 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. to visit the classroom, meet the teachers, and register for fall classes. For more information or a free brochure, please contact Jeanne Kirchner at 633-4300.

Saint Rita Hosts Interfaith Lectures on Prayer

Representatives of different faiths—churches, synagogues, temples, and mosques—will provide us with various viewpoints, approaches and practices of prayer. This lecture series is presented to those who wonder what other faiths—Christian and non-Christian—think about, and how they practice prayer in their daily lives. It is open to all people of Racine who want a chance to explore this issue with discussion after each presentation. Please join in this unique opportunity to learn and to share how we all need to practice prayer in our lives.

Presenters this month will be Tony Somlai, Abbot Senior Dharma Teacher, on March 5; Imam Shaheed Ghani of the Muslim Center of Racine

on March 12; Father Jack Shirley of St. Rita's Catholic Church, on March 19; and Rabbi Ze'ev Harari of Beth Israel Sinai Congregation on March 26. Programs are at St. Rita's Parish Hall, 4339 Douglas Avenue, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Phone 639-3223.

Texas Lutheran U. Choir Sings Twice in Area

The Texas Lutheran University Choir will perform in concert twice on Wednesday, March 11: at Carthage College's morning chapel service at 10:30 a.m., and at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street, at 7:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In all marriages, there are times when couples take each other and their relationships for granted. A Marriage Encounter Weekend presents each couple with the opportunity to get off the "Modern World Treadmill", to stop and take a fresh look at the two of them, at their marriage, and at their priorities.

The weekend is a positive and personal experience for a couple, which offers them a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives.

Marriage Encounter is not a retreat, nor is it a marriage clinic or sensitivity course. There is no group discussion. It emphasizes communication between husband and wife through a weekend experience, which is free of the everyday distractions and tensions.

Weekend Dates:

April 17-19, 1998
February 13-15, 1999
April 30 - May 2, 1999

Location:

Holiday Inn Express, Delafied
Delafied (tentative)
Cedar Valley, West Bend

To register for the next area weekend please fill out this form:

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

PLEASE PRINT – Write names, as you would like them on nametags.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ WEEKEND DESIRED _____

ALTERNATE WEEKEND _____ WEDDING DATE _____

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Extending the Church's Ministry to Families

Mike is a truck driver from the middle part of Illinois. He is divorced and remarried to Sarah. The couple has no children together but Mike has a 15-year-old son, Justin, from his first marriage.

Ever since the divorce, Mike and Justin have spent weekends together as well as a few weeks during the summers. Mike's involvement in Justin's life has never lapsed.

Justin was always known as a good kid. So it came as a huge shock to his parents when they discovered their son had committed a serious crime: Justin's two young cousins, little girls aged 2 and 4, told their mother that Justin had molested them.

The weeks that followed this revelation were nightmare for Mike and Sarah. Justin confirmed that it was true, but he didn't seem to think it was a big deal. The case was resolved in court with Justin sentenced to five years probation. The judge decided a change of custody was also in order, so Mike and Sarah stepped forward and agreed to have Justin live with them.

At first, Mike was totally overwhelmed by the situation. He soon found he could not drive a truck full time because Justin needed more of his time than the job allowed. Sarah too worked full time because Justin needed more of his time than the job allowed. Sarah too worked full time. For his son's sake Mike left the steady, well-paying job he had and took a part-time job that would keep him closer to home.

All of these changes had an impact on Mike and Sarah's marriage. The mix of financial and emotional strain became a real threat to their marriage.

Meanwhile, Justin was cutting school and lying. He still wouldn't accept the seriousness of his crimes. Mike had no one to talk to about all that was going on.

For weeks, Mike and Sarah waited for a referral to a social service provider--but the process was too slow. Sarah says, "we could not wait for the courts because we had a child who needed help *today*." She called Lutheran Social Service of Illinois

(LSSI), an agency affiliated with the ELCA and a member of Lutheran Services in America. The family got help immediately.

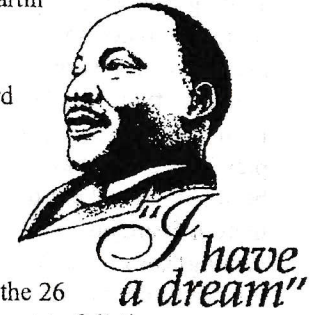
A counselor was assigned to the case who recommended a treatment program which included: LSSI's Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program for Justin; individual counseling for each family member; marriage counseling for Mike and Sarah; a support group for Mike and Sarah where they would meet other families of sex offenders; and family therapy.

After many efforts to get through to Justin, LSSI's counselor eventually succeeded. Justin needed to know there was more to him than his crime. Even though he had done a terrible thing, he didn't have to be a terrible person for the rest of his life. She also helped Mike and Sarah focus on the strengths of their marriage and persuaded them to pay more attention to each other and not to put all their energy into Justin.

It's been 15 months since Justin moved in with his dad and step-mom. The family is on the road to recovery.

26 Scholarships presented at the Martin Luther King Celebration, Jan. 11

A total of 26 Martin Luther King Scholarships were presented at the 23rd annual Church Inc. sponsored MLK Celebration on January 11, 1998.



All but three of the 26 \$500 scholarships went to full-time students currently enrolled in post high school educational programs. The three non-college recipients are currently high school seniors who will receive their actual scholarship checks after they have enrolled in a full-time post high school course of studies.

The funds for the scholarships were raised through the annual MLK All-a-thon held on the Saturday before Memorial Day. Participants walk/jog/bike/skate the six mile route and then collect money from sponsors.

Scholarship recipients must belong to a congregation/organization that has participants in the annual All-a-thon and that raises at least \$100 toward the scholarship fund. The recipients are chosen on the basis of church/community involvement, life goals, demonstrated educational ability, and an essay related to the meaning of Dr. King's legacy for today.

Church Inc. is an ecumenical coalition of 15 congregations and five organizations united to provide incentives to youth and adults to further their education and their leadership ability for the sake of church and community.

The Struggle Continues. . .

by Melanie Josephson, ELCA Disaster Response

A great deal of progress has been made in the Upper Midwest where the devastating Red River floods disrupted so many lives last spring. . . but the struggle is far from over for some people. Those who have been able to make it on their own are just now coming forward saying they can't do it anymore without help reports the Lutheran Disaster Response/Lutheran Social Services coordinators in Ada, Minnesota. Many families have invested all of their savings (if they were fortunate enough to have any) into repairing their homes. Those that were on the edge financially have been

pushed over the edge. In South Dakota, LSS/LDR is receiving even more requests of residents simply asking for help to buy the very basics of life. . . food and money to keep the heat on.

All of this has its physical, emotional, and spiritual toll on the disaster survivors. I was asked, "Why are we not able to get excited about anything anymore?" "Why are we physically not feeling well?" Exhaustion has set in for many. It is crucial for Lutheran Disaster Response to have a stronger presence now than ever. People continue to need to know that others care and are there to help them along

the way. Your Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to being there long term. LDR will continue to need your support in these efforts.

We continue to need skilled labor in all three states, especially those who can do mudding, sheetrocking, framing, and general carpentry. The energy of youth groups can best be used this spring and summer to repair downed fence lines, snow breaks and to plant trees. We strongly encourage groups to come with as many skilled people as possible, but with at least one skilled person (who is willing to instruct others to every four to five unskilled.

Pastor Mary's Column

How Are the Children?

How are the children? This question has been ringing in our ears during these past days amidst the struggle of unresolved contracts for the teachers. At this writing (the eve of Ash Wednesday), it has just been announced that schools will be in session again tomorrow. Even in the middle of all the turmoil and disagreement an attempt is being made to provide a safe learning environment for the children. By the time you read this, the situation may have changed again. It is my hope and prayer that a settlement will have been reached.

However, it's impossible to predict how long that might take.

As we are all affected in one way or another by this crisis in our community, we must confess that too often we have labeled the crisis "their" problem rather than "our" problem. But, *they* are *our* children, the vulnerable ones entrusted to us to provide for, to educate, to love and to prepare for their future. And linked to their well-being is the well-being of the teachers and the school system.

At Emmaus, we opened our doors for the Horlick Chorale to practice today, and we also offered our building and volunteers for elementary and middle school kids to have a safe place to be in the event the schools remained closed beyond today. We continue to hold the students, the teachers and the administrators in our prayers, reminded that with God's help, agreement, reconciliation and healing *can* take place.

When this is all resolved, is our job over? Not at all—it's just begun, for it's not only the schools that are called to be "safe havens" for our

children. The report of our ELCA Bishop, H. George Anderson, to the Churchwide Assembly this past summer included seven initiatives to prepare for a new century. Two of the seven initiatives challenge us as a church in the area of children, youth and young adults.

Initiative number five is "Help the Children," and part of that initiative states, "We will call on every congregation of the Evangelical

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What do you cry for, my child?

A safe haven?

An oasis?

A loving home?

A place to satisfy your hunger?

Jesus takes the little ones into his arms, blessing them and offering them...

That safe haven

An oasis

A loving home

The food that satisfies all hunger

The kingdom of heaven.

Can we,

the Body of Christ,

offer our children anything less?

—MLJ

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Pastor Mary's Column

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Lutheran Church in America to declare itself to be a 'safe haven' for children and youth by the end of 1998. We will ask these 11,000 'safe havens' to build upon their assets and resources, within the context of their local communities, as they provide support and nurture to children and their families/caregivers."

At our church council retreat in February, the room came alive as we brainstormed, visioned and dreamed together. We talked about the possibility of organized play on the field next to the church during the summer months and about the feasibility of an elementary after-school program during the school year. Assistant to the Bishop Sue Ruehle offered us a challenge—if we could get one of our outreach visions moving in a concrete way within three months, we would receive \$1,000 from the synod

Mission Outreach Fund! And, we have just received an unexpected gift of \$375 from AAL which is designated for Early Childhood Learning.

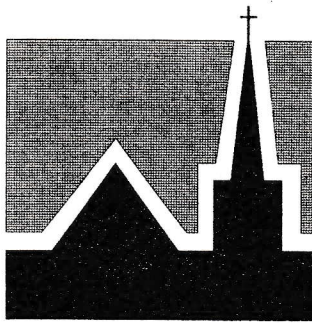
How will all of this unfold and develop as we move into the future? Will we at Emmaus be a catalyst and a model in our community as we ask the important question, "How are the children?" How will we show our children the love of Jesus Christ that they are so hungry for?

We are called to share that love with them through music, learning, worship and nurturing! Not only is it the Bishop's mandate, it's a mandate from Jesus himself: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matthew 19:14, NRSV). Let's actively work to be that "safe haven" in 1998 and beyond.

*Shalom,
Pastor Mary*

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Celebrate Holy Week at Emmaus



Emmaus worshippers will take part in Dr. Walter Wangerin's drama, *The Cry of the Whole Congregation*, at 8:00 and 10:30 worship services on Palm Sunday, April 5. From the procession of palms into the church, through the narration of the events of Holy Week, the congregation steps back in time to become a part of the Passion story.

Maundy Thursday, April 9
12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday services on April 9 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, April 10
12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, we will again



experience the crucifixion through song and word. An early worship service will be held at 12:15. The Tenebrae "Service of Shadows" will begin at 7:00.

Easter Sunday, April 12
7:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday features two festival worship services of Holy Communion at 7:00 and 9:30 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, anthems, the offertory and the postlude.

Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall at 8:15 for a continental style breakfast.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

Alexander Joseph Villalobos
March 1, 1998

Alexander, born December 30, 1997 is the son of Audrey and Theodor Villalobos, and the grandson of Cheryl Dexter. His sponsors are Mario and Molly Garcia.

Adult Choir Seeks Extra Voices for Easter

Due to an unusual number of Adult Choir members who will not be in town to attend Good Friday and Easter services at Emmaus April 10 and 12, the choir is urgently seeking voices willing to help fill in the holes. Please consider making this short-term



commitment.

The choir meets rehearse every Wednesday evening during Lent 7:30 p.m. For additional information, call Marjorie Connet at 633-2047, speak with any choir member.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Sunday School Superintendent: Pat Liesch Senior Center Director: Carol Eschmann

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. Our Lenten midweek worship series will conclude on April 1 with the 6:45 p.m. service. **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** services will be held April 9 and 10 at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. **Easter** services will be held April 12 at 7:00 and 9:30 a.m.; there will be no Saturday service on April 11.

Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between Sunday services at 9:15; they will not meet on April 12. A nursery is available during the 10:30 Sunday worship service.

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.

8th-9th Grade Confirmation Classes Resume

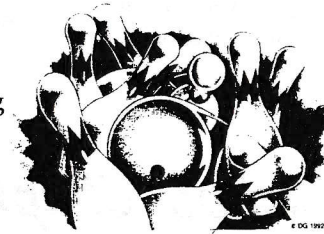
Confirmation classes for eighth and ninth graders resume Sunday, April 26 at 9:15 a.m. Classes will meet for four weeks, through May 17, in the

Youth Room on the second level of the education wing. The topic will be the Ten Commandments.

KFC Nuggets/BIC Pen

Sign Up for April Bowling

Our April event is free bowling at Plaza Lanes at 2:00 p.m. April 19. Time is running out to sign up sponsors (10¢ or more per pin) for this Lutheran Social Services fundraiser. Proceeds will fund local LSS activities and programs.



volleyball, and time with God and nature.

You will be doing the cooking, clean-up, campfires, skits, church service, and some free time.

We will plan the meals and our work groups in Sunday School. Please be there to help plan.

We also need one more female adult chaperone for this event. Please contact Chris Olson (634-2582) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

Camp-Out at Bong

All 6th, 7th and 8th grade members of Emmaus Lutheran Church are invited to sign up by April 12 for a camp-out at Bong Recreational Center May 29-31. A \$10 deposit must also be turned in by April 12.

You will need to bring a sleeping bag, clothes for the weekend, a flashlight, plastic or paper plate, cup, knife, fork, and spoon, and your Bible; you or your sleeping buddy will need to bring a tent. Bong will provide pit and flush toilets, showers, running water, hiking trails, swimming beach, fishing,

Youth April Birthdays

Apr. 1	Destiny Rodriguez, 13
Apr. 2	Steven Furuglyas, 14
Apr. 4	Sam Falaschi, 17
Apr. 7	Jennifer Olson, 15
Apr. 8	Jonathan Pechman, 13
Apr. 17	Jennifer Lawler, 19
Apr. 18	Eric Van Berg, 13

Register for Lutherdale Summer Camp

Register now for summer camp! Choose a week now — third graders through senior high, families and "seasoned saints." Brochures are available from the church office, or phone Lutherdale at 742-2352.

Emmaus has designated the week of July 12-17 as a week for members to try to register together. The sooner you get your registration in, the better chance you have of getting in the week of your choice!

Children to Receive Awards at Program May 31

by Pat Liesch

Here's some important Sunday School dates to remember:

No Sunday School will be held on April 12 (Easter) or May 24 (Memorial Day weekend).

Memory work and perfect attendance awards will be given out on May 31, our last day of Sunday School.

Parents are invited to attend Sunday School on the 31st for a short program of awards and singing, with coffee and treats to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Our Sunday School staff will be recognized at the 10:30 service on May 31. Please plan to attend and to show your support for our kids and our Sunday School program.

WELCA Bulletins

Girls' School Chaplain to Speak at Cluster Brunch April 25

The Racine Cluster Spring Brunch will be held on April 25, 1998 at Bethania Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; brunch is served at 9:00. Fellowship concludes by 12:00 noon.

Chaplain David Spong of Lutheran Oaks Girls' School, Dover, will be the guest speaker. Anyone willing may bring along gift donations of knitting worsted yarn for on-going projects.

Reservations are \$4.00 in advance, due by Monday, April 20. There will be a sign-up sheet in our narthex.

Mother-Other Banquet

The Mother/Other Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Karen Johnson of Karen Johnson

Productions will be our speaker and give a presentation on her work.

The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Miriam and Mary Circles will be our hostesses.

Thanks!

Thank you to Amy Haman for making our WELCA Retreat poster!

Thanks, also, to all who helped in any way with the Pancake Breakfast March 29. A special thanks to Margaret Christensen for coordinating the even. Also thanks to Cheryl Dexter and her crew who did the cooking.

The profits from the breakfast will go to WELCA.

Matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8013 will go to 2001 Fund. AAL Branch #4157 will match funds for "Needy Families of Emmaus."



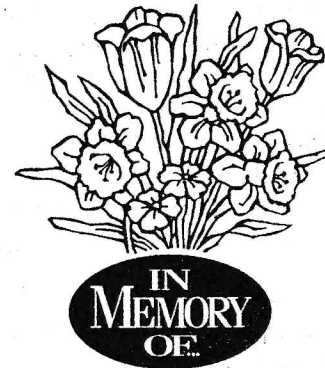
Youth Music Director Named

The Music and Worship Committee is pleased to announce that we again have a youth music director (after a 1½ year vacancy) and that rehearsals for the Sunrise Singers will begin April 22. Karla Bielewicz, a native of Kenosha, has over 20 years experience participating in church music, bot as a soloist and in choirs. She received her music training at Parkside and brings a genuine enthusiasm for church music and for young people.

On April 5, Karla will visit the

Sunday School classes of those who are 3rd graders and older, inviting the young people to be a part of the Sunrise Singers. Weekly practice will be Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. beginning April 22. The Sunrise Singers are scheduled to sing at worship services on May 10 and May 31. The regular schedule will then resume again in the fall.

We welcome Karla and celebrate what she has to offer to our many gifted young people in the church.



MEMORIALS & BEQUESTS

Non-designated Memorials:

- In memory of Dorothy Jacobsen: \$200.00
- In memory of Catherine Andreassen: \$1,065.00
- In memory of Kathrine Thorson: \$100.00

Designated for The Brass Nickel:

- In memory of Catherine Andreassen: \$25.00

Bequests:

- Estate of Dean Jensen: \$2,500.00

ALTAR FLOWERS

- Apr. 5 Jeff & Linda Clinton
- Apr. 19 Jim & Joan Larsen
- Apr. 26 Pat LeRoux-Sodke
- May 3 Anne Yaktiyol
- April Candle Care: Pat Jensen.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

- Adult Choir
- TBA
- Marie Andersen
- Chris Olson family



Thank You to Bulb Changers

Our thanks to Bill and Tom Irvine, Al Svendsen, Brian Keller for checking and changing the light bulbs in the church on March 24. Thanks also to Harley Slater for fixing faucets

atboth church and the parsonage.

Thanks, too, to Paul Burdick for installing a larger hard drive and breaking the gridlock in our office computer.

SCRIP Returns to Emmaus

by Pat Liesch

We are once again taking orders for Scrip. To date, Emmaus has earned \$400.61 from our previous Scrip orders.

The Scrip bucket is located in the narthex on Sundays, and in the church office the rest of the week. Order forms are in the bucket, as well as in this month's *Visitor*. You can place your order in the bucket at any time, and orders will be placed with the Scrip company after the first and third Sundays of the month; other order dates can be arranged. If you have questions, please contact Pat Liesch, 835-1363, or Pastor Mary.

The Scrip program allows Emmaus to raise funds without corraling volunteers to push people to purchase unwanted items. We ask only that you purchase Scrip certificates to those stores that you usually shop at or give gifts from.

How it works is that Emmaus buys Scrip from a wholesaler who provides it to us as a discount. For

instance, if we purchase \$600 in Kohl's certificates at a 4% profit margin, we pay only \$576 and keep the \$24 as profit. If we order \$500 worth of Olive Garden (14%), we pay only \$430 and make a \$70 profit.

Scrip certificates are the exact same gift certificates you would buy if you purchased them directly from the store. The difference is that you pick them up at church instead of driving all over town for them. Redemption is just like cash. In fact, many retailers offer debit cards that look like credit cards and subtract your total purchases from a prepaid balance.

Policies regarding change back from your purchase vary from store to store. Most will give change back; others give gift certificates for the change. Debit cards automatically subtract purchases from remaining total until the amount is used up.

Some certificates may involve an expiration date, but that date will be at least a year away.

Let's start shopping!

LSTC Graduates Seminarians with Emmaus Ties

Former teaching parish students who served Emmaus as part of their seminary studies will be graduating from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago on June 7. Beverly Rautenberg and Claire Warren will receive their Master of Divinity degrees and have been approved for the ordained ministry in the ELCA.

Both seminarians are awaiting call



to parish ministry following their graduation. Beverly has been assigned as a candidate in Western Iowa Synod, and Claire has been assigned to the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

We wish Godspeed to both women as they complete their studies and continue their journeys in ministry!

Council Retreat

Council Discusses Using a Plumb Line

by Cathy Knuteson

On a Saturday morning in February, your church council gathered together to think creatively about the future of Emmaus Lutheran Church. Fortunately, Pastor Sue Ruehle led us in this venture and kept us on track for three hours. She began by asking us if we knew what a plumb line was. How many of you are shrugging your shoulders?

Many of you know what this is...especially if you've ever hung wallpaper. You hang something heavy from a string, put chalk on the string, hold it up to a wall and snap it against the wall. What happens? You get a straight line that you can use to determine if you are hanging the wallpaper straight or not. Certainly there are other purposes, but this was the example that came to my mind when she asked "What is a plumb line?"

Now you're probably asking, why would she ask that question? Well, how do we know Emmaus is meeting its mission unless we have something to measure our efforts against?

Pastor Ruehle then surprised many of us by reading a passage from Amos 7:

"This is what God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?'

And I said, 'A plumb

line.'

Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.'

Being a Part of the Community

And so we talked about what is our "plumb line"; how do we measure our work? Staying true to the Gospel, following the Word, and asking ourselves "What would Jesus do?" are some ways to determine if what we are doing fits our mission. For Emmaus to survive, we must become better connected to the community around us. The rest of the morning was devoted to thinking about what we need to do to be a thriving, contributing part of our community. Reaching out and forming relationships with nearby churches, creating programming with youth from nearby schools, and establishing an outreach ministry in the youth prison were some of the exciting ideas that poured forth from small group discussions.

How do we make all this happen? First we need to think about specific programs, draft proposals, and communicate these opportunities for outreach to you. Some preliminary information gathering has begun and we will keep you informed as we move forward. Please read the Council Minutes in the Sunset Room so you can follow our progress. You might see something of interest to you and will offer your help. We are really excited about our future and want you to be also.



Community Meal Program Begins 18th Year of Service

This month, the Community Meal Program begins its eighteenth year of providing free meals, open to anyone, at sites all around the city of Racine. No one is excluded as long as they want to come and share what is offered. 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. The meal would be served one night a week, on the same night each week.

The first meals were served at the end of April of 1981 with five churches, including Emmaus, in the program. Now there are fourteen churches involved; Emmaus serves 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.

This program has been a blessing to those who, for whatever reason, find

themselves in need of a good hot meal. It could not have been such a success without the dedication of the church members who prepare the food to be served. We thank all who are willing to share in this program.

Community Meal Recipe

Ingredients:

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

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

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

Spread the tater tots over the top of the casserole.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.


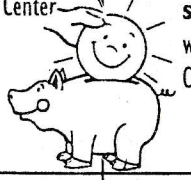




Can he save the winsome Ruth Isaiah (Jennifer Jason Leigh) from the evil Judge Samos (Leslie Ann Warren), prove to the police (Tommy Lee Jones) that he's not crazy, and still get everyone to church before it's too late (8:00 & 10:30 DST)? Don't bother buying the large popcorn—this fast-paced 60-minute thriller will be over before you know what hit you (Lee Meriweather)!

Mark Your Calendar and Set Your Watch!

At 2:00 a.m. the night of Saturday, April 4, the Emmaus Special Effects Film Society presents "The Hour That Time Forgot!" You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll hiccup to the suspense-filled mystery in which quantum mechanic Ezekiel Malachi (Leonardo DiCaprio) is the only human aware that everyone around him has inexplicably sprung forward ahead in time by one hour.

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READER	GREETER
Apr. 4 5:00 pm		Pat LeRoux Sodke Sandi Zeleski			
Apr. 5 8:00 am	Ken Larsen	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #7 John Cook		Chris & Karen Olsen
Apr. 5 10:30 am	Amy Lawler Erin Svoboda	Maury & Anne Felton	Team #2 Bob Christensen		Jim & Joan Larsen
Apr. 9 12:15 pm		Boots LeRoux Margaret Christensen			
Apr. 9 7:00 pm	Jon Pechman	Pat Jensen	Team #1 Mark Falaschi		
Apr. 10 12:15 pm					
Apr. 10 7:00 pm	Chris Sedgwick Eric Van Berg		Team #4 Rich Christensen		
Apr. 12 7:00 am	Brad Falaschi Kristen Clinton Jill Lynch Kevin Meteyard	Cynthia Cook Sharon Devine	Team #3 Harold Miller	Bev Hansen	Don & Dolly Orth
Apr. 12 9:30 am	Ellie & Luke Reischl Rachel Sommer Alex Gueldenzopf	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Jim Larsen	Jim & Judy Yorgan
Apr. 18 5:00 pm		Marian Andersen Marge Zielke			
Apr. 19 8:00 am	Katie Sanders	Cheryl Dexter Barbara Larsen	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Ruth Hlavka	Al & Jan Svendsen
Apr. 19 10:30 am	Austin Schultz Seth Yust	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Ryan Sedgwick	Bob & Marg. Christensen
Apr. 26 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen		Team #7 John Cook	Brenda Gieszler	Jeff & Linda Clinton
Apr. 26 10:30 am	Brandie Pedrosa Alyssa Yorgan		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Eric Larsen	Cheryl Dexter
May 2 5:00 pm		Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>April, 1998</p> <p>Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, WI 53404 Phone (414) 634-5515</p> 			<p>1 <i>St. Buford, Fool</i> 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Julia Durand's 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 6:45 pm Worship Service 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice 7:30 pm Truth for Our Times Bible Study</p>	<p>2 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm REST 6:30 pm WELCA Retreat at Siena Center</p>	<p>4 9:00 am WELCA Retreat, Siena Ct 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion</p> 	
<p>5 <i>SUNDAY OF THE PASSION</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service The Cry of the Whole Congregation; Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>6 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.</p>	<p>7 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	 HOLY · WEEK		<p>9 <i>Maunder Thursday</i> 12:15 & 7:00 pm Worship Services with Holy Communion</p>	<p>10 <i>Good Friday</i> 12:15 & 7:00 pm Worship Services 6:30 pm REST</p>	<p>11 No Worship Service</p>
<p>12 <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i> 7:00 & 9:30 am Festival Worship Service LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion</p> 	<p>13 <i>Office closed</i> 6:30 pm Church Council</p>	<p>14 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'</p>	<p>15 <i>Visitor & 1040 deadline</i> 6:45 pm Truth for Our Times Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>16</p>  April	<p>17 6:30 pm REST</p>	<p>18 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion</p>	
<p>19 <i>The Second Sunday in Easter</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Chicago Folk Service w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Lutheran Strikes & Spares, Plaza Lanes</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21 9:30 am Cluster Clergy 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>22 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>Pastor Paul at Crossroads in Chicago Apr. 17-19</p>		
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Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

SCRIP Address: _____ Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$25, \$10		
Schwan's Delivery	9%	\$10		
Clothing & department stores				
ShopKo	4%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney ¹	6%	\$100, \$25, \$10		
Sears ²	2%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers ³	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart ⁴	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	19%	\$10		
The Gap	9%	\$10, \$20		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Lillian Vernon	14%	\$20		
Spiegel	9%	\$25		
Victoria's Secret	14%	\$10, \$25		
The Disney Store	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	18%	\$10		
August Max Woman	19%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	10%	\$25, \$10		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$10, \$25		
Sporting goods stores				
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	9%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Walden Books	8%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25, \$10		
stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				

¹Penney's no longer handles \$5 certificates. Penneys certificates are good for retail or catalog purchases, if picked up in person.

²Sears certificates can be used for charge accounts, if you pay in person.

³Younkers certificates are not for use on store charge accounts.

⁴K-Mart debit card is not good for lay-away.

Best Buy ⁵	2%	\$50		
Circuit City	3%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		
Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	10%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys Я Us	3%	\$10, \$5		
Shoe stores				
Footlocker	9%	\$25, \$10		
Payless Shoes	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10		
Pier One	9%	\$25, \$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	18%	\$25		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$5		
Mobil Oil	4%	\$100, \$50, \$25 debit card		
Shell Oil	2%	\$50, \$20, \$10		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Marriott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns)	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	135	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebee's	9%	\$10		
Bob Evans	9%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's	9%	\$10		
Chili's	13%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$5		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Long John Silvers	9%	\$5		
Perkins	9%	\$5		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Ponderosa	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	14%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$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. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

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.



PROGRAM FOR APRIL:

April 7: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & fellowship
 10:30 a.m. - 500 Nations, Part 5: "Cauldron of War"
 12:00 noon - Lunch (no Tuesday noon worship service)
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities

April 14: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & fellowship
 10:30 a.m. - Bingo
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities

April 21: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & fellowship
 10:30 a.m. - Bayou Bound
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities

April 28: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & fellowship
 10:30 a.m. - Al Beck: New Zealand
 12:00 noon - Birthday lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games

No Fooling!



April Birthdays - 70 Years and Better

April 14	Mavis Agerholm	2332 Arlington Avenue	53403
April 19	Lloyd LeRoux	3418 St. Clair St.	53402
April 20	Arvilla Nemer	4930 Chester Lane #5	53402
April 21	Celia Weber	1718 High Street	53404

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



Dear Members:

Have you ever been introduced to fellow church members only to find that minutes later you have forgotten their names? Do you wish you had a tool to use outside the church which would enable you to reach new members? Would you like a keepsake from our church that will last for years?

Because we want to bring our church family closer together, we have arranged for a color pictorial directory to be published. Each of you is important to us, and we want you and your family to appear in our directory.

Do you find that you don't have time to make a second trip to the church so that you can select your portrait for the directory? This is no longer a problem with Olan Mills' new Video Image Proofing System. The new system enables you to have your portrait taken and view your proofs at the same sitting by utilizing computer generated images. This saves you valuable time and speeds up the production of our new directory.

And, by having your portrait taken and viewing your proofs, you will receive a complimentary color directory and an 8x10 Natural Color Portrait. It's our way of saying "Thanks!" Of course, if you have additional portrait needs, you will be able to choose from various portrait packages at special savings.

This directory will be a valuable tool for the church, and we want all of our members to participate. Our goal for participation is 100%, and we're counting on you to make it happen! Your directory will be a treasured keepsake and an excellent source for addresses, telephone numbers and prayer lists.

We will be registering before and after worship services at our church, so be sure to select a day and time which is convenient for you. Remember, we need your full cooperation to reach our goal, so please register.

Thank You,

Pastor Paul Pastor Mary

Photography Dates and Hours:

Thurs. May 14 th	3:00 - 9:30
Fri. May 15 th	3:00 - 9:30
Sat. May 16 th	10:00 - 5:00

Olan Mills
VIP
 VIDEO IMAGE PROOFING

Do You Know Your Risk for Diabetes?

by Carol Eschmann, RN

Diabetes is a serious disease that can lead to blindness, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, and amputations. It is the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States. The American Diabetes Association provides the following Risk Test.

Are *you* at risk for having diabetes? Find out. Write in the points next to each statement that is true for you. If a statement is not true, put a zero. Add your total score.

1. I have been experiencing one or more of the following symptoms on a regular basis: Excessive thirst YES 30 ___; frequent urination YES 30 ___; extreme fatigue YES 10 ___; unexplained weight loss YES 30 ___; blurry vision from time to time YES 10 ___
2. I am 45-64 years old YES 5 ___
3. I am 65 years old or older YES 10 ___
4. I am 30 pounds or more overweight YES 20 ___
5. I am a woman who has had a baby weighing over 9 lbs. at birth YES 20 ___
6. I am of Native American, Hispanic or African American descent YES 10 ___
7. I have a parent with diabetes YES 10 ___
8. I have a brother or sister with diabetes YES 10 ___

My total score is _____. If you have scored 30-50 points, you are probably at low risk for having diabetes now, but don't just forget about it. You may be at higher risk in the future. If you scored 50 or more points, you

are at high risk for having diabetes. Only a doctor can determine if you have diabetes. See a doctor and find out for sure.

If you have questions about diabetes or how to manage this condition, I am available to help you to understand your treatment. I can be reached through the church office, or you may contact me at home (835-2372).

Also: Blood pressure testing will be April 19 in Pastor Paul's office.

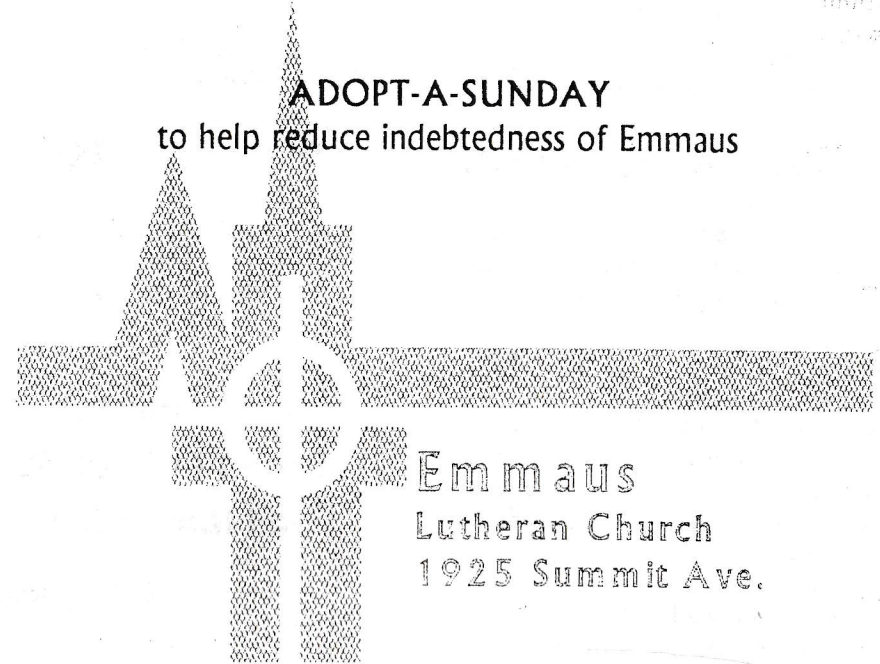
CALLING ALL DAUGHTERS! MOTHER/OTHER BANQUET

Date: Thursday, May 7
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$8.00 for adults
\$4.00 for children



Program: Special Presentation by animator Karen Johnson of Karen Johnson Productions

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: _____

Emmaus Members Adopt Sundays

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

Al & Jan Svendsen, in celebra-

tion of their 45th wedding anniversary;
The Youth of Emmaus, for Youth Sunday;

George Reichenberger, in honor of Esther Reichenberger.

Emmaus to Replace Crumbling Sections of Sidewalk

Thanks largely to memorials and a bequest from the estate of Dean Jensen, Emmaus plans a \$2,000 project to replace several sections of deteriorating sidewalk on the church property this summer. \$565 in memorials designated for this project has already been received, and now a bequest from the Jensen estate will match all contributions designated for these repairs.

The cost of the repairs will be \$50 per square yard. This means that your donation of \$25, matched dollar for dollar in Dean Jensen's memory, would be enough to replace one square

yard of crumbling sidewalk with new cement.

Dean Jensen was the husband of Lydia Jensen.

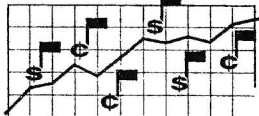
First Quarter Statements to Be Available in April

First quarter offering statements will be available in the narthex later this month. We hope to have the statements available by Easter Sunday.

Financial Figures

Year-to-date figures calculated as of 2/23/1998

General Fund offerings in February	..... \$13,588.24	..... YTD \$27,099.14
Building Fund offerings in February	..... \$475.00	..... YTD \$1,083.00
2001 Fund offerings in February	..... \$404.00	..... YTD \$6,495.25
Miscellaneous offerings in February	..... \$1,085.00	..... YTD \$2,475.00
3/1/98 mortgage payment: Principal	..... \$411.84	
Additional Principal	.. \$6,503.91	
Interest	..... \$1,078.16	
Total	..... \$7,993.91	
Principal balance as of 2/11/1998	... \$17,837.24	



Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance March:	1996: 227	1997: 250	1998: 183
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance April:	1996: 236	1997: 184	



ELCA Domestic DISASTER Response

ELCA responds to victims of deadly tornadoes in Florida

CENTRAL FLORIDA, FEB. 24, 1998 —

● Several tornadoes with wind speeds as high as 220 mph left at least 39 people dead, hundreds injured and thousands homeless.

● Tornadoes cut a 50-mile-wide swath across Central Florida, from Winter Garden to Daytona Beach on the Atlantic Coast.

● Deadliest tornadoes ever recorded in Florida, the destruction in the affected areas was as bad as anything caused by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

● Four counties in central Florida declared federal disaster areas.

In times of disaster

THE ELCA IS THERE

You can help. Please send your contribution to **ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764**, designated to "Florida Tornadoes." Your entire gift will provide essential aid, including funds for a food distribution center in Kissimmee.

Your gift will help people rebuild their lives.

To make a contribution using your MasterCard or Visa, call 800/638-3522 or fax your name, address, signature, daytime phone number, card number and expiration date to 773/380-2849.

For updated reports of the ELCA's response in Florida, visit our Web site at www.elca.org/dcs/disaster.

Please write your checks to **ELCA Domestic Disaster Response. You may designate your gift to "Florida Tornadoes."**

Yes! Send my help:

To victims of Florida tornadoes \$ _____

Where most needed (California floods, etc.) \$ _____

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**

P-COC Preschool Registration Opens

Racine Unified School District #1's Parent-Child Oriented Class (P-COC) Preschool is scheduling registrations for the 1998-99 school year. P-COC Preschool is a federally funded program for 3 and 4 year olds and their parents, and it's located in the Washington Center at 914 St. Patrick

Street. It is based on the fact that parents/ guardians are their children's first and most important teachers. There is no cost for participation to those who are eligible. For information about enrolling in P-COC Preschool, please call 635-5880 or 635-5881, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tante Andante House Reopens

Benedicte Riis returns to Racine to be Artist in Residence at Jefferson Lighthouse School and to open her Tante Andante House at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 3319 Washington Avenue.

Tante Andante's House will be open Monday, May 11 through Friday, May 15 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tante Andante's Band will perform a concert at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Groups and classes may make special arrangements to visit the Tante Andante House May 11-15 by phoning 634-2331. The visit includes a 1½ hour session. The \$3/person fee includes costs of expendable materials used in the craft areas. (Food and souvenir items cost extra.)

A new offering this spring includes Tante Andante and her band visiting your school, presenting a 45-60 minute program (cost \$200). Talk to Pastor Al Guetzlaff at 634-2331 to make arrangements.

Lutheran Choir Gives Two Concerts

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee presents "A Concert of Praise and Thanksgiving" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, W156 N8131 Pilgrim Road, Menomonee Falls, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center Street, Milwaukee.

The concert will be a collection of extended works, including Bach's *Lobet den Herrn*, Schütz's *Die mit Tranen saen*, Mozart's *Missa Brevis in D*, and Brahms' *Es ist das Heil uns kommen*

her. Heinz Werner Zimmermann's *Psalmkonzert*, a piece written in a jazz style, featuring five-part choir, baritone soloist, and children's choir accompanied by string bass, vibraphone and three trumpets, is featured in the second half.

Concert tickets are \$10.00 at the door and \$8.00 in advance. Students and senior citizens are \$10.00 at the door and \$6.00 in advance. Group rates are available in advance. For more information and tickets, please call 302-1194.

Much More Than Easter Bunnies

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

With apologies to the Easter Bunny, I'd like to share a rabbit story with you from our Youth Congress in Chicago. Speaker Tiger McLuen told this tale:

A woman went out into her yard to get a closer look at what her dog was playing around with, tossing it around with his mouth. To her horror, she discovered that it was her neighbor's pet rabbit! She rushed up to see that she was clearly too late. The rabbit was quite dead...and very dirty.

She was embarrassed and afraid to let her neighbor know that her dog had killed their precious pet, so she rushed the dead rabbit into the house, washed it off, and then even used a blow dryer to fluff up the fur, hoping it would look like it had died of "natural causes."

When her neighbor left in her car to run an errand, the woman hopped the fence and laid the fluffed-up dead bunny back into its cage.

The neighbor returned a little while later and didn't take very long in reacting. The woman heard a terrible scream from her neighbor's yard. Pretending she knew nothing, she ran over to the fence and asked what was wrong.

In a terrified panic, her neighbor responded, "Our rabbit died two days ago, and we buried it in the yard—but here it is back in its cage!"

Yes, the woman had spent all that

time and care fluffing up a dead bunny! Tiger McLuen concluded by commenting that perhaps that is what our lives sometimes amount to: like fluffing up a dead bunny. We feel responsible for the deadness at the center of our lives, but we fluff things up for appearances sake, hoping others won't know the full truth.

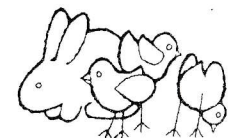
As we approach another Holy Week and Easter, we have the opportunity to embrace once again the truth with hope. We can face those dead places in our lives without feeling compelled to fluff them up. For we can once again be grounded in faith in the one who died for all to see, but whom God raised. In the Cross there is opportunity to face the truth of our responsibility in the reality of death. But that is a responsibility that we could

never embrace without the forgiveness and new life that comes with God's raising Jesus from the dead.

Tired of fluffing up those dead places in your life? Come share in the Word of Life once again this Holy Week and Easter. Join us in worshipping our Crucified and Risen Lord.

In His Spirit,

Pastor Paul



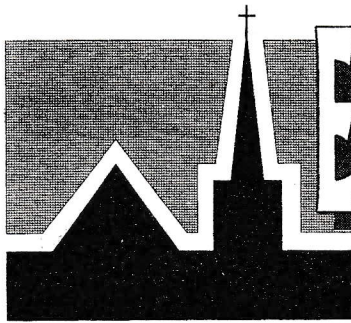
In the April Visitor



- 🥚 *Holy Week schedule*
- 🥚 *8th-9th Grade
Confirmation classes*
- 🥚 *Youth plan bowling,
camping outings*
- 🥚 *Karla Bielewicz named
Youth Music Director*
- 🥚 *Mother/Other Banquet*
- 🥚 *Directory Portraits*
- 🥚 *Scrip program is back*

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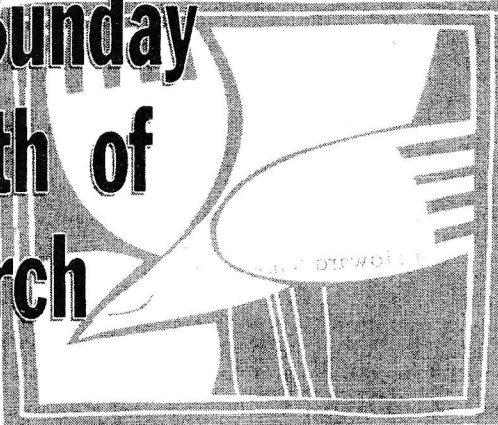
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May, 1998

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
"A Safe Harbor"

1925 Summit Avenue
☎ (414) 634-5515

Pentecost Sunday Marks Birth of the Church



On the festival Sunday of Pentecost, we will celebrate the birth of the Christian church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Symbols of the day are the flame and the dove, and the color is red.

Red geraniums will decorate the church for the festival services that will feature the Adult Choir. The Sunrise Singers will sing at the 10:30 service and

Sunday School teachers will also be honored.

Come join in this special birthday celebration! Wear something red to the 5:00 p.m. service Saturday, May 30, or the 8:00 or 10:30 service Sunday, May 31.

Special Congregational Meeting Called for Between Services Sunday May 17

A special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, May 17 at 9:15 a.m. At that time, there will be a reassessment of our annual budget and

financial situation.

All Emmaus members are encouraged to attend. Your input is very important!

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism: Collin Babington — April 26, 1998

Collin Babington was born to Eric and Rachelle Babington last June 6. His baptismal sponsors are Mike and Julie Fry.

Wedding: Kelley Toslek & William Austin — April 25, 1998

Kelly Toslek, daughter of Gil and Barb Toslek and granddaughter of Gilbert and Joyce Toslek, was married to Bill Austin at Emmaus by Pastor Mary. Kelley is a day care teacher at Atonement Lutheran; Bill is a store manager at Walgreens.

Funeral: Lawrence Earl Decker — April 13, 1998

Larry Decker and his wife, Doris, joined Emmaus in 1955. He had been awarded a Silver Star and Purple Heart for his service in World War II; after moving to Racine, he made a career as an Industrial Arts teacher at Park High School. He passed away April 9 at the age of 79.

Golden Anniversaries

Congratulations to Gilbert and Joyce Toslek, who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on May 22; and to Catherine and Harold Miller, whose 50th anniversary is coming up May 15!

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Harvey Jensen, twin brother of Howard Jensen. Harvey Jensen passed away April 10 in Racine.

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 Superintendent: Pat Liesch Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz
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 7.)

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed May 25. The VISITOR is published monthly August to June. The deadline for the June VISITOR is May 15.

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WELCA Bulletins

Karen Johnson Speaks at Banquet May 7

Attention all women and daughters! Mark your calendars, and act fast to get your tickets for the All Daughter banquet, Thursday, May 7 at 6:30. This includes everyone—you do not have to have a daughter or mother with you.

Karen Johnson from Karen Johnson Productions, the Racine-based animation firm, will present the program.

Bring a friend, or come by your-



self and join in the fellowship. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Tickets are available in the narthex between services, at any circle meeting, or from the church office.

Rummage Sale

Start saving your treasures! Our next WELCA rummage sale

will be Saturday, September 19. For information, call Pat Liesch (835-1363) or Anne Felton (639-3011).

Sunday School News

Sunday School Year Ends May 31

by Pat Liesch

Mark your calendars! No Sunday School will be held on May 24 due to the Memorial Day weekend. Sunday School will meet one final time on May 31 for awards, singing and treats in

Fellowship Hall. Our Sunday School Staff will be recognized at the 10:30 service that day.

Please plan to attend and show your support for our kids and our Sunday School programs!

Softball Season Opens May 19

Softball season begins Tuesday, May 19! We welcome Tom Rudey as the Emmaus Kringles' new coach as we begin another summer of 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. Please sign



up in the narthex or call Tom Rudey (632-0643) for information. The team will meet to practice at Island Park May 2, 9, and 16. Please meet at the pavillion by 1:30 p.m.

Emmaus Recognizes Teachers May 31

Sunday School teachers and staff will be recognized at the 10:30 service May 31. Those who will be recognized include Joy Halberstadt, Elizabeth Hetchler, Pat LeRoux-Sodke, Terese Heinen, Dave Higgs, Kathy Christensen, Marie Andersen, Jody

Svoboda, Ellen Nuechterlein, Irene Pechman, Chris and Caren Olson, Cindi Larsen, Dave Christensen, Linda Meteyard and Pat Liesch.

A big thank you for all the time and dedication so lovingly offered to our young people on a weekly basis!

Summer Schedule Begins June 7

Summer worship schedule at Emmaus begins the weekend of June 6-7. 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.

Synod Assembly Emphasizes Partnerships

Archbishop Cousins Center in Cudahy was the site of the 1998 Synod Assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod—ELCA. Clergy and lay delegates from the 142 member churches were in attendance, including Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul, and Cathy Knuteson from Emmaus.

keynote address emphasizing his seven initiatives for the church as we enter a new millennium.

Bishop Akyoo of the Meru Diocese of Tanzania (sister synod of the Greater Milwaukee Synod) preached at the closing worship. Presiding minister at that service was Pastor Sandy Chrostowski (interim pastor at Emmaus in 1993).

Among the resolutions considered, the one receiving most attention and discussion dealt with study and discussion leading up to being Reconciled in Christ congregations. (Churches that are Reconciled in Christ openly welcome gays and lesbians into their worshiping communities.) The approved resolution calls upon all congregations of the synod to report within six months their intended procedure of study and discussion of this topic.

The two-day event, held April 24 and 25, lifted up ecumenical and international partnerships of the synod. Addressing the assembly was Archbishop Weakland of the Milwaukee Archdiocese and greetings were brought from leaders of the Presbyterian, Episcopal and United Church of Christ church bodies.

The latest groundbreaking for Habitat for Humanity were highlighted throughout the assembly.

National ELCA Bishop, Rev. H. George Anderson, preached at the opening worship and also gave a

Spring Cleaning Slated for May 9

This year's spring clean-up is slated for May 9. Please come between 10:00 a.m. and noon in your old



dungarees with your yard tools (especially rakes). Congregational Life will serve a simple picnic lunch afterward.

KFC Nuggets/BIC Pen

Come Help with Spring Clean-up

Be sure to come May 9 for Emmaus' spring clean-up and picnic! Kids — here is a perfect opportunity to earn service points for confirmation. Bring gloves and yard tools. In the event of rain on May 9, spring clean-up and picnic will be postponed (probably to May 16). We'll have a hot dog picnic lunch afterward.

This month's Youth Ministry Committee meeting will be Monday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Birthdays in May

May 3	Matt Liesch, 15
May 6	Alina Yaktiyol, 7
May 8	Donald Waddell, 4
May 14	Joseph Devine, 11
May 18	Alyssa Yorgan, 13
May 19	Justin Hama, 8
May 21	Jill Lynch, 15
May 24	Amy Lawler, 13
May 29	Courtney Jansen, 8
May 30	Brad Kousek, 18



News of Our Members

Kreimer Receives Eagle Scout Award

On Sunday, April 26, Ryan Kreimer received his Eagle Scout award at a special ceremony held at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.



Ryan, in addition to completing the required badges and awards,

successfully executed his special Eagle Scout project here at Emmaus. For that project, he directed the reorganization and relocation of the storage area off the kitchen to ready it for the renovation that was done prior to installing the dishwasher.

Ryan is the son of Dennis and Michele Kreimer.

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 May 20.

Please also include a brief account of your post-graduation plans. The date when we will recognize 1997 graduates will be announced in the June *Visitor*.

Emmaus Volunteers Shelter 125+ Homeless

by Jim Palmer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers at Emmaus Lutheran Church who have helped this past season. Without your help, the program could not have served as many individuals as we have.

Our site has had well over 700 guest nights of rest. We have served over 125 individuals. Most have been men. We have had some women and even a family of eight. The need is out there, and you have met the challenge with God's help, for He has said, "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, naked and you clothed me"—and let us add *tired and you gave me a place to R.E.S.T.*

Thank you all; I know that the people we have helped greatly appreciated what we have done for them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to single out a few individuals who have put in many hours helping with the R.E.S.T. program:

Pat Liesch, who has organized the

meals and been there when I was unable to be;

Celia Weber for baking those delicious breads;

Al & Jan Svendsen, Bob & Margaret Christensen, and Lyle & Marjorie Zielke for helping with the evening meal and packing all those lunches;

Carla Van Berg for her special help in the kitchen;

Joyce Kaiser for filling on any shift when needed;

Bob LeClair, Vern Peterson, Cathy Knuteson and Don Velzka for doing those long overnight shifts;

Loren & Cindi Larsen and family, Chris & Karen Olson and family for the evening shift;

Pastor Paul Nuechterlein for helping Saturday mornings. Also to the many volunteers I did not mention, thank you and God's blessings to all of you for the difference that you have made in the lives of our guests.

Have a great summer and I hope you all will be able to help next season.

May the Lord bless and keep you in his tender care.

Northside Food Pantry Report as of March 31, 1998

Number of people served:	259
Money received:	\$92.87
From: Trinity UMC	\$65.00
Emmaus ELC	\$17.87
Faith UMC	\$10.00
Money spent:	\$430.64
Checkbook Balance:	\$2,764.59



The National Association of Letter Carriers will conduct their annual food drive on Saturday, May 9. Letter carriers will pick up donations of food left by your mailbox for distribution to area food pantries through Project Emergency. Last year, residents of the Racine and Sturtevant area contributed over 100,000 pounds of food; 73.2 million pounds were collected nationally.

Sorters are needed at the Project

Emergency warehouse, under the United Way building at Stannard and Sixth Streets, to unload cars, trucks and vans, carry donations into the warehouse, and sort them. You can volunteer for any of three two-hour shifts between noon and 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to staff the thirteen drop sites, and to transport the donations from those sites to the warehouse. Contact Project Emergency director Tom Berger at 632-2307.

Parish Nurse Corner

Facial, Limb Numbness May Indicate Stroke

by Carol Eschmann, RN

May is Stroke Awareness Month. I received some information from the American Heart Association that I would like to share with you. High blood pressure is a major risk factor for stroke. I am available to help you to monitor your blood pressure on Sunday, May 10 from 9:00 to 10:00 in Pastor Paul's office.

Stroke is our #3 and #1 cause of serious disability. It can strike anyone, but people over age 55 and African Americans are at special risk.

Warning signs of stroke include:

- a sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm, or leg on one side of the body;
- a sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye;
- loss of speech or trouble understanding speech;
- sudden and severe headache with no apparent cause;



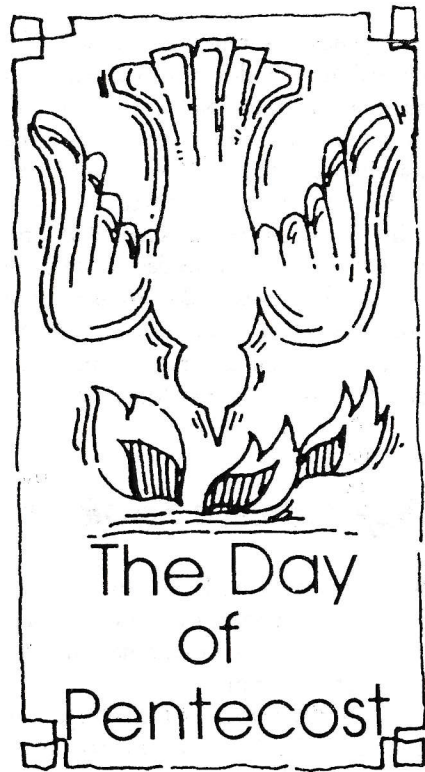
- unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially in combination with other symptoms.

If you have any of these signs, **do not wait!** Call 911 **immediately**. Even if warning signs last only a few minutes, treat them **very** seriously. New treatments can help some people who get to an emergency room within three hours of the start of symptoms.

Reduce Your Risk

In addition to monitoring your blood pressure, you can reduce your risk of stroke by not smoking, limiting your alcohol intake, eating a healthy diet and being physically active. If you have diabetes, keep up with your treatments and medication. Regular medical check-ups are good advice for anyone.

For more information, call the American Heart Association "Warmline" at 1-800-553-6321.



Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement

Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 31. These geraniums from Town and Country will be blooming in 4½" 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 31.

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 21.

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READER	GREETER
May 2 5:00 pm		Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter			
May 3 8:00 am	Josie Hermann	Linda Meteyard Helen Mickelson	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Marie Andersen	Chris & Bev Hansen
May 3 10:30 am	Valerie Yorgan Nichelle Slawson	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Team #2 Bob Christensen	Sandra Zeleske	Seth & Carol Yust
May 10 8:00 am	Jill Lynch		Team #3 Harold Miller	Lyle Christensen	Betty Barth Ruth Hlavka
May 10 10:30 am	Matt & P.J. Liesch		Team #4 Rich Christensen	Amy Larsen	Justin Svoboda Rachel Van Berg
May 16 5:00 pm		Evelyn Larsen			
May 17 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi	Brian & Denise Keller	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Al Svendsen	John & Kathy Cook
May 17 10:30 am	Danielle Pipol Tina Yust	Mildred Schroth Pat Jensen	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Tim Van Berg	Harry & Evelyn Larsen
May 24 8:00 am	Ken Larsen		Team #7 John Cook	Eileen Olson	Brenda Gieszler
May 24 10:30 am	Rebecca Gottfred. Erin Svoboda		Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Myra Nielsen	Joel Nuecht. Joy Halberstadt
May 31 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Cindi Larsen	Judith Berndt Edith Bohn
May 31 10:30 am	Jon Pechman Nathan Albright		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Kathy Meyer	James & Joan Larsen
June 6 5:00 pm		TBA			
June 7 9:30 am		TBA	Team #3 Harold Miller	TBA	Chester & Mabel Meyer

	ALTAR FLOWERS	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	CANDLES
May 3	Anne Yaktiyol	Olson family	Mildred
May 10	Jess & Karen Sedgwick	TBA	Schroth
May 17	Howard & Marge Jensen	TBA	
May 24	Doris Jensen	TBA	
May 31	Anne Yaktiyol	TBA	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May, 1998 Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, WI 53404 (414) 634-5515					1 St. Philip & St. James	2 1:30 pm Softball practice, Island Park 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
3 The Fourth Sunday in Easter 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service Setting 2 w/Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School; 8-9th grade confirmation class; Adult Forum	4 6:30 pm WELCA Board 6:30 pm Youth Min. Cmte. 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	5 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Emmaus	6 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Bev Hansen's 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 6:00 pm Sonrise Singers practice 6:30 pm Executive Committee meeting 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	7 6:30 pm Mother-Other Banquet 7:00 pm Stamp Club	8  Mother's Day	9 10:00 am Yard clean-up 1:30 pm Softball practice, Island Park 5:00 pm Worship Service
10 The Fifth Sunday in Easter 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service Service of Word & Prayer 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School; 8-9th grade confirmation class; Adult Forum	11 8:00 pm Church Council	12 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	13 11:45 am Clergy Cluster at Zion 6:00 pm Sonrise Singers practice 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	14 Clergy Day of Renewal at West Bend	15 Visitor deadline	16 Armed Forces Day 1:30 pm Softball practice, Island Park 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
----- DIRECTORY PICTURES taken May 14-16 -----						
17 The Sixth Sunday in Easter 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 9:15 am Special Congregational Meeting 9:15 am Sunday School	18 7:00 pm Stewardship Cmte.	19 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS TBA pm Softball, Cliffside Park 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'	20 6:00 pm Sonrise Singers practice 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	21 The Ascension of Our Lord Geranium orders due	22	23 5:00 pm Worship Service
24 The Seventh Sunday in Easter 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service Service of Word & Prayer 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship No 8-9th grade confirmation class, Adult Forum, or Sunday School	25 Memorial Day Office closed	25 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS TBA pm Softball, Cliffside Park	27 6:00 pm Sonrise Singers practice 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	28	29	30 Vigil of Pentecost 5:00 pm Worship Service
----- KFC Camp-out at Bong State Park, May 29-31 -----						
31 Pentecost Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service Setting 2 9:00 am Coffee & fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School & 8-9th grade confirmation class No Adult Forum	JUNE 1 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	2 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council TBA pm Softball, Cliffside Park	3 1:30 pm Mary Circle at M. Zielke's 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	4 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	5	6 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

June 1998						
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Emmaus

Name: _____

Home phone: _____

SCRIP

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$10		
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$20, \$10		
Schwan's Delivery	9%	\$10		
Clothing & department stores				
Kohl's Department Store	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
ShopKo	4%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney	6%	\$100, \$25, \$10		
Sears	2%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	19%	\$10		
The Gap	9%	\$10, \$20		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Lillian Vernon	14%	\$20		
Spiegel	9%	\$25		
Victoria's Secret	14%	\$10, \$25		
The Disney Store	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	18%	\$10		
August Max Woman	19%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	10%	\$25, \$10		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$10, \$25		
Sporting goods stores				
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	9%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Walden Books	8%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25, \$10		
Stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				
Best Buy	2%	\$50		
Circuit City	3%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		

Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	10%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys Я Us	3%	\$10, \$5		
Shoe stores				
Footlocker	9%	\$25, \$10		
Payless Shoes	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10		
Pier One	9%	\$25, \$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	18%	\$25		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$5		
Mobil Oil	4%	\$100, \$50, \$25 debit card	TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE	
Shell Oil	2%	\$50, \$20, \$10		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Marriott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns)	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	135	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebee's	9%	\$10		
Bob Evans	9%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's	9%	\$10		
Chili's	13%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$5		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Long John Silvers	9%	\$5		
Perkins	9%	\$5		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Ponderosa	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	14%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$5		
			TOTAL	\$

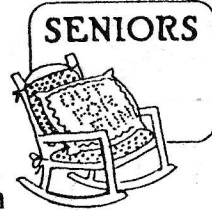
Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

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.



May 5: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. - 500 Nations, Part 6: "Removal"
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.

May 12: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. - Esther Jensen: China
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.

May 19: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. - Racine Surgical: Adaptive devices
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.

May 26: 11:00 a.m. - Lunch out (Details to be announced)
2:00 p.m. - Games, etc. back at church; birthday cake and coffee



MAY

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 12	Bev Johnson	3325 N. Newman Road	53406
May 13	Chester Meyer	1435 Windsor Way	53406
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



Cathy Meyer to Help with Scrip in Summer

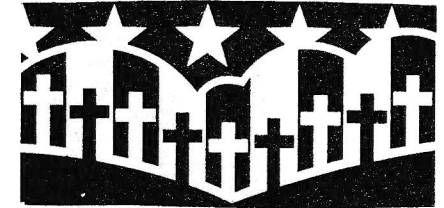
by Pat Liesch

Our total SCRIP savings through Easter was \$475.61. Keep shopping!

Thanks to Cathy Meyer for stepping in to help supervise the Scrip program this summer!

MEMORIALS

In memory of Lawrence Decker:
\$50 to non-designated memorials



Congratulations on Retirement

Congratulations to Bill Irvine, who retired on April 24 after many years of working as a metallurgist! The last 18 years, Bill has worked as an executive with Grede Foundry in Milwaukee. Blessings to him and to his

wife, Shirley, as they begin their retirement years together.

Goals are dreams with deadlines.
—from *The Newsletter Newsletter*

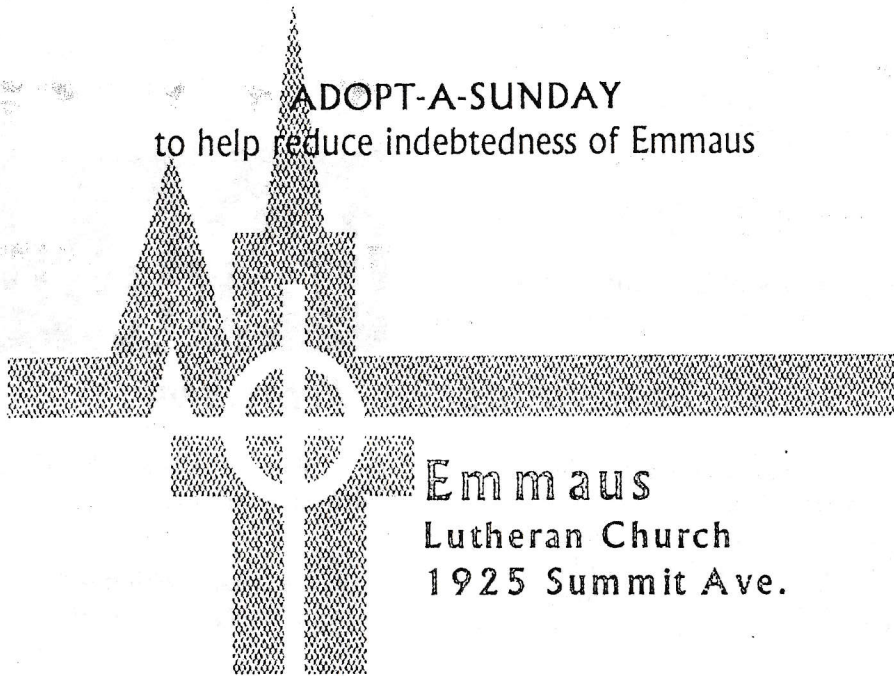
Financial Figures

	<i>Year-to-date figures calculated as of 3/30/98</i>		
General Fund offerings in March	\$16,482.67	.....	YTD \$43,581.81
Building Fund offerings in March	\$755.00	.....	YTD \$1,838.00
2001 Fund offerings in March	\$294.00	.....	YTD \$6,495.25
Miscellaneous receipts in March	\$6,693.71	.....	YTD \$9,168.71
4/1/98 mortgage payment:			
Principal	\$414.37		
Interest	\$1,075.63		
Total	\$1,490.00		
Principal balance as of 3/11/1998	\$175,429.80		

Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance	March:	1996: 227	1997: 250	1998: 183
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance	April:	1996: 236	1997: 184	1998: 249
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance	May:	1996: 224	1997: 196	
Average midweek Lenten attendance:		1996: 62	1997: 49	1998: 60
Maunday Thursday attendance:		1996: 76	1997: 78	1998: 93
Good Friday attendance:		1996: 164	1997: 123	1998: 111
Easter Sunday attendance:		1996: 370	1997: 370	1998: 346

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
(date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____



ELCA Domestic DISASTER Response

ELCA responds to victims of Minnesota tornadoes

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA, MARCH 29, 1998

● A series of tornadoes cut a slice of devastation in a 100-mile area across Southern Minnesota inflicting massive destruction in **Comfrey, St. Peter and Le Center** causing death, injury and widespread homelessness. Many farms and businesses received heavy damage.

● Many ELCA members were among those who sustained destruction or damage to their town and farms.

● Some ELCA congregations and Gustavus Adolphus College sustained great damage

● Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (800/987-0061) will manage the relief effort on behalf of Lutheran Disaster Response, with help from an experienced disaster response team.

Funds are MOST needed to provide essential aid to victims of this disaster as well as assistance for the long-term recovery.

In times of disaster

THE ELCA IS THERE

You can help. Please send your contribution to **ELCA Domestic Disaster Response** (address below). Your entire gift will provide essential aid.

To make a contribution using your MasterCard or Visa, call 800/638-3522 or fax your name, address, signature, daytime phone number, card number and expiration date to 773/380-2849.

For updated reports of the ELCA's response in Minnesota, visit our Web site at www.elca.org/dcs/disaster.

Please write your checks to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response. You may designate your gift to "Minnesota Tornadoes."

Yes! Send my help:

To victims of Minnesota tornadoes \$ _____

Where most needed \$ _____

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

Mission Moment

Donald Woods
Reformation Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

"Ten years ago my life was out of control. I was into 'the life.' I was doing everything—crack, marijuana, alcohol. You name it.

"I knew I needed help, and my girl friend took me to see Pastor Mick [Pr. Edgar Roschke, Reformation].

"He put me to work around the church and got me into a 12-step group. I got better for a time, and then I went back on the street. That happened four times.

"The fifth time I said I'm not gonna do that no more. And I got down on my knees and begged the Lord to give me some help. And he did.

"I got back in the 12-step group. I got real busy around the church. Today I'm the security guard at Reformation, and I have the key to everything in the building.

"Folks trust me, and I trust the Lord to help me not let them down.

"And I try to tell everybody what the Lord has done for me, because when I was in the life I did a lot of bad things.

"Especially I talk to the young men in the neighborhood. I can do that because they know where I've been, and they listen to me.

"If I can stop just one young man from going down that same road, maybe that will help make up for what I did.

"I've been clean now for more than two years, and I just count on the Lord to get me through one day at a time. And every day it gets better and better.

"Once I put my trust in the Lord—I mean, really trusted him—I could almost feel my life getting better.

"If the Lord can do that for me, he can do it for anybody."

Congregations are urged to copy these Mission Moments to use as bulletin inserts and articles for congregation newsletters and tracts.

Reformation takes stand in Milwaukee

Reformation Lutheran decided years ago that it would stay in the inner city Milwaukee neighborhood where it was born more than 90 years ago.

It is a neighborhood that often seems to have been deserted by business and the political powers.

But Reformation continues to shed a light in its own corner of the world, in a neighborhood that Pastor Edgar "Mick" Roschke says doesn't even have a name.

Every Friday night, Reformation feeds from 10 to 110 people from the community.

It has a loan program that makes small loans—\$5 to \$250—to members and neighbors in an area where credit is hard to come by.

And it rescues people like Donald Woods, who overcame years of drug addiction to become a counselor to young men in the neighborhood.

Reformation is partly supported in its work by funds from the ELCA Division for Outreach and your benevolence.



The Day of
Pentecost

"Once I put my trust in the Lord—I mean, really trusted him—I could almost feel my life getting better.

"If the Lord can do that for me, he can do it for anybody."

Donald Woods
Reformation LC, Milwaukee

Donald Woods is living a clean useful life after years of addiction and life on the streets of Milwaukee. He turned his life around because Reformation Lutheran Church was there to help and trust him. Reformation was there because the ELCA Division for Outreach has helped support the congregation's ministry. DO is there because you and your congregation support it with your benevolence.

Mt. Eagle Hosts Lending Summit

The Racine Interfaith Coalition and Greater Mt. Eagle Baptist Church invite you to share in the Partnership in affordable Lending Summit at 9:00 a.m. May 16. The purpose of the event is to help potential home owners understand the purchase and mortgage process and

will include programs promoting home ownership.

Lending partners will be on hand to answer questions and conduct educational sessions. Greater Mt. Eagle Baptist is located at 929 State Street. Contact the RIC office at 635-9532.

Composer to Lead Midwest Premier of Choral Work

The Racine Symphonic Chorus is pleased to welcome back to Racine African-American composer Glenn Burleigh for the Midwest premier of his "Lamentation and Celebration" for chorus, brass ensemble and organ. Burleigh has dedicated the piece to the victims and survivors of the Oklahoma

City bombing.

Also on the program is Randall Thompson's "Peaceable Kingdom." The program will be given 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 17 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 614 Main Street. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors, and free to kids under 12.

Messiah Opens Viking Fest to Interested Groups

Messiah Lutheran Church, 3015 Pritchard Drive, invites you to participate in their third annual Messiah Viking Fest on Saturday, July 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They are looking for homemade art and crafts, ethnic music and costumed dancers, and ethnic foods.

If your church organization is interested, please contact Rev. Joan Jacobson (church: 554-7747; home: 598-0455). Registration must be sent in by June 15, 1998; \$25 per table space. If you have your own canopy/tent for a table, please bring it. Set-up is from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Registration Form

Please send this registration form to Messiah Viking Fest, 3015 Pritchard Drive, Racine, 53406, by June 15. Registration fee should accompany form. Maximum of 2 tables per group. *Skoll!*

Name of organization or group		Type of craft/art/music/dance/food		
Address	City	Zip	# of entertainers	Phone #
Name of contact person		Phone		

Tell Me About God

They're eager. They're alert. They catch all the details. They truly embrace the stories.

They are the youngest of the Sunday School children who now have "Story Time" as their opening once a month. It all started when more than one parent said, "Our kids just don't know the Bible stories." It's true: they are being bombarded by stories from Disney and elsewhere, but how often during the week do we share those Bible stories with them? Do they want to have them repeated over and over again as is the case with their favorite videos?

Noted story writer Madeleine L'Engle contends that in searching for the historical Jesus, "we have forgotten that the story is true." In her book *Bright Evening Star*, she takes the stories of Jesus and weaves them together with her own faith journey. There is an invitation for each of us to listen to those well-known stories over and over again and to allow the Spirit to connect our corporate and personal stories with the Jesus stories.

The same author has written another book entitled *Penguins and Golden Calves*. There she tells a true story of a little girl who is being prepared for the birth of a new baby brother or sister. The parents do all they can to prepare their 2½-year-old, after the baby is born, and they encourage her to hold and change the baby. All is going well until bedtime.

She becomes insistent, "I want to see baby."

"Well, of course, darling, we'll take you to see baby."

"No—alone."

"No, Mummy and Daddy will go with you."

"No! I want to see baby *alone!*"

She doesn't give in and finally her parents let her go in to see the new baby. Overhearing their daughter's

words as she bends over the cradle, they now understand why she wanted to talk to the new baby. She said to the new little one in their midst, "Tell me about God. I'm forgetting."

Have we in the church been guilty of explaining rather than proclaiming? We need to hear that story of God's love proclaimed over and over and over again. One of the amazing ways that can

be done is by sharing those stories with our children. That needs to be done in our homes. That's also what "teaching" Sunday School is all about. I would personally like to thank all those teachers who so faithfully share the stories with the kids week after week. And, I would like to thank those children for their response to the stories. It makes it all come alive yet one more time for those of us sharing the stories with them.

Yes, they are eager and alert. They do embrace the stories and catch all the details. Their imaginations paint

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Pastor Mary's Column,
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wonderful contexts for those stories.

We as adults are challenged to recapture being eager and alert and receptive right along with the children. We are invited to hear God's story of love week in and week out, too. And, we are encouraged to echo the words of the little girl: "Tell me about God. I'm forgetting."






See you in church on Sunday—come, hear the story!

Pastor Mary

Emmaus Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Avenue
Racine, WI 53404

Address correction requested

In the May Visitor:

-  Spring Clean-up Day at Church May 9
-  Pentecost Geranium order form
-  Karen Johnson to Speak at Mother-Other Banquet May 7
-  Emmaus Salutes Sunday School Teachers May 31
-  Synod Assembly Report

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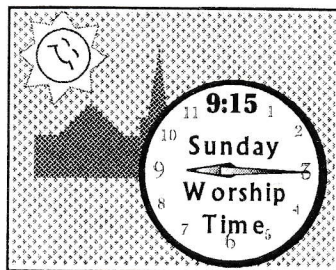
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Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 7

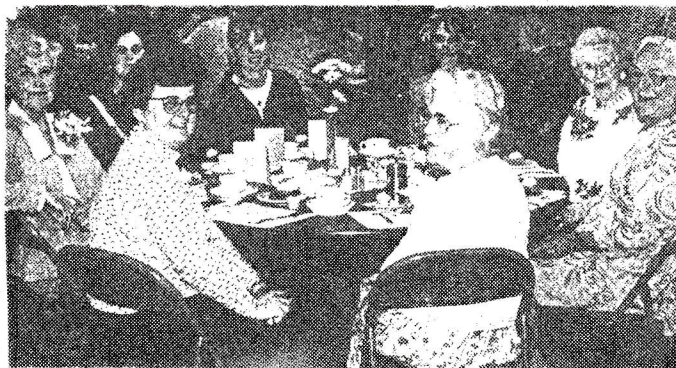
Summer worship schedule at Emmaus begins the weekend of June 6-7. The Saturday worship service will continue at 5:00 p.m., but there will be only one service on Sunday mornings through the Labor Day weekend.



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 in worship this summer as we praise God and join together in Christian fellowship!

Inside:
**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 3-7**



Emmaus women enjoyed the Mother-Other Banquet in May.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:

May 3, 1998
Bradley William Johnson

Bradley was born to Scott and Georgina Johnson on January 31. His sponsors are James Nelson and Orville Johnson. Scott and Georgina will join Emmaus when the next group of new members is received.

Funeral:

May 4, 1998
Wesley Francis

Wesley Francis passed away April 30 at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lee (née Engeline Jensen); Mrs. Francis was confirmed at Emmaus in 1921, and the Francis family recently reactivated their membership here. A World War II veteran of the navy, Mr. Francis had worked at J. I. Case, and later with the Automobile Association of America.

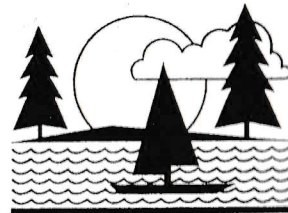
MEMORIALS

Non-designated Memorials

In memory of Lawrence "Sam" Decker? \$25.00
In memory of Kay Andreasen \$80.00

Designated to "2001—A Faith Odyssey" Fund

In memory of Wesley Francis \$25.00



Vacation Bible School Offered August 3-7

The week of August 3-7 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 "God's Awesome Love."

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

Dates: August 3-7
Registration deadline: July 13

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 3-7, 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 (634-5515) 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 \$50.00, 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.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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

Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz

Senior Fellowship Director: Carol Eschmann Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet

Sunday School Superintendent: 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 7 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.

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AUGUST 3-7, 1998

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. (\$50.00 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 _____

Thanks for Banquet Help

Thankyou to the fathers and sons who served our Mother and Daughters Banquet. Thanks also to Mary and Miriam Circles for setting and decorating the tables.

Women's Synod Convention

Mark your calendars for our Greater Milwaukee Synod Convention, to be held at the Archbishop Cousins Center in Milwaukee October 16-17. The theme is "In Christ's Image.

Friday evening, the keynote

speaker will be Jutta Anderson, wife of Bishop H. George Anderson. Her theme will be "Your Face, Lord, Do I Seek" (Psalm 27:8). We hope several of our women will plan to attend.

Bible Study Meets June 1

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the women's Bible study leaders will meet one week later than usual. Pastor Mary will lead the study on Monday, June 1, at 4:00 p.m.

Lincoln Lutheran Teas Planned June 10

by Audrey Rasmussen & Ginny Haugsby

Spring Teas will be held on June 10 at all Lincoln Lutheran facilities. Emmaus will serve at Lincoln Village Convalescent Center that day.

Thursday, August 13 is the date for the annual Lincoln Lutheran Ice Cream Social. Plan to attend this

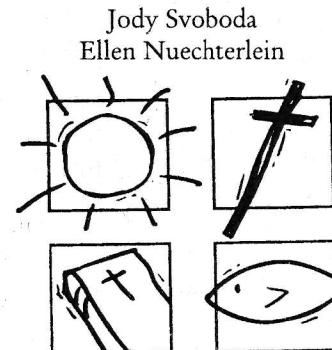
worthwhile event. All proceeds are used to enhance the lives of our elderly.

The "We Care" program earned \$1,378.00 in 1997. Your efforts have made this possible. Please deposit Pick 'n' Save receipts (with the "We Care" sticker attached— ask for the sticker at checkout) in the grocery cart located in the narthex.

Thanks for your help.

Thanks to Sunday School Staff!

Special thanks to all those who helped with our Sunday School this year, especially:
 Joy Halberstadt
 Elizabeth Hetchler
 Pat LeRoux-Sodke
 Terese Heinen
 Dave Higgins
 Kathy Christensen
 Marie Andersen



Irene Pechman
 Chris and Karen Olson
 Cindi Larsen
 David Christensen
 Linda Meteyard
 Pat Liesch
 We appreciate your hard work and dedication.

—Pat Liesch
 Superintendent

Congratulations to the Class of '98

Congratulations to Emmaus high school graduates in 1998!

Ryan Halsey: graduating from Case High School. He plans to attend UW-Parkside in the fall.

Brad Kousek: graduating from Park High School.

Chris Pearson: graduating from Park High School. Chris plans to join the Air Force this summer.

Adam Pechman: graduating from Horlick High School. This summer, Adam will take part in Project Success at UW-Oshkosh for 8 weeks. He will continue at UW-Oshkosh in fall, looking into their graphic arts program. He is interested in computer animation.

David Rudey: graduating from Park High School. He was awarded the Lockwood Scholarship from Park High teachers toward tuition at UW-Oshkosh, where he is enrolled in the Honors Program.

Josh Sanders: graduating from Horlick High School in the top 10% of his class. He made the Racine Unified Athletic/Academic team and was a three-year letter winner at Horlick. His volleyball team placed first in both all-county and all-conference. Has signed a national letter of intent with IPFW to attend Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne, a Division I volleyball school, on a Chancellor Scholarship.

Adam Schultz: graduating from St. Catherine's High School. He is yet another Emmaus member who will attend UW-Oshkosh in the fall.

Ryan Sedgwick: graduating from Horlick High School. Ryan will attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; he plans a double major in



French Horn performance and biology.

Eric Toslek: graduating from Horlick High School. Eric has been involved with the local Explorer Aviation Post and the EAA in Oshkosh. He is interested joining the in the Air Guard as a pilot and has been looking into enrolling at the Fox Valley Technical School for Aviation.

Youth Birthdays

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|---------|----------------------|
| June 6 | Collin Babington, 1 |
| June 7 | Nathan Lamberton, 9 |
| June 10 | Mason Bagley, 4 |
| June 13 | Katy Sanders, 14 |
| June 14 | Jessica Fiebig, 10 |
| June 17 | Claire Hierseman, 6 |
| June 18 | Ryan Halsey, 18 |
| June 18 | Shai'ela Mosley, 5 |
| June 23 | AnnMarie Liesch, 11 |
| June 30 | Justin Svoboda, 16 |
| July 6 | Geoffrey Pearson, 11 |
| July 6 | Lukas Reischl, 13 |
| July 7 | Ashley Simon, 15 |
| July 7 | Jonathan Cook, 17 |
| July 7 | Stephanie Lopez, 10 |
| July 11 | Ryan Clinton, 17 |
| July 11 | Dustin Mickelson, 4 |
| July 12 | Tina Yust, 12 |
| July 15 | Katherine Zeleski, 5 |
| July 16 | Derek Haug, 17 |
| July 20 | Patrick Jansen, 6 |
| July 21 | Katrina Ahrens, 2 |
| July 22 | Chris Pearson, 18 |
| July 26 | Kenneth Soens, 7 |
| July 27 | Amy Meteyard, 9 |

P.S.: Watch for YAC this fall!

Do I Know You?

The summer schedule of moving to one Sunday service begins on June 7. Early and late service regulars may be seeing some faces in church that they haven't seen for a while. Some of those faces may be completely new to you. While some of those faces may well belong to fellow members of Emmaus, some of those faces are likely to belong to visitors and people who might like to *become* members of Emmaus.

Should we avoid welcoming new people to church for fear of embarrassing someone who has belonged to this church since the discovery of penicillin? Heaven forbid! Here are a couple tips on how to greet someone who *might* be a visitor to Emmaus:

- ▶ Introduce yourself and say, "I don't believe we've met, have we?" This goes a long way toward

solving the problem of greeting an unrecognized fellow member and also provides some direction for the conversation.

- ▶ If you have introduced yourself and begun a conversation but the other person hasn't mentioned whether he or she is a visitor, ask which service he or she prefers to attend on the regular schedule. If the person is a visitor, this may open the conversation up for discussion of the worship opportunities here.

If the people you're talking to are visitors, don't forget to invite them to return to attend another service of the church. Also invite them to attend any of the upcoming social functions, including softball games or women's circles.

Informational Meeting Set for Germany/Holy Land Trip

Members and friends of Emmaus are invited to an evening of fellowship and an introduction to the Oberammergau/Holy Land study trip. The trip, hosted by the pastors, is being offered in June, 2000.

On Tuesday, June 9, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., representatives from Veltra

Travel and Pleasure Break Tours will be on hand with full color brochures, a



A scene from the Oberammergau Passion Play

video of the Passion Play experience and other information regarding the upcoming trip. Do you have friends not from Emmaus who would like to learn more? Be sure to invite them to this evening of information and fun, too!

If you are unable to attend but would like further information, please contact Pastor Mary or Pastor Paul.

Scrip Program Helps Raise Funds for Emmaus

As of May 11, our Scrip profits are \$556.46. The revised pink Scrip sheets include the addition of Piggly Wiggly & Kohl's Department Store as participants in the Scrip program.

Thanks again to Cathy Meyer for stepping in to coordinate the Scrip program at Emmaus while Pat Liesch takes a summer vacation!

Rummage Sale Set for September 19

Set aside Saturday, September 20 for our next rummage sale. Plan to bring your treasures to church starting on Wednesday, September 16. 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 for a time slot when you can help.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal June 4

It's Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, June 4. 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 near downtown on Douglas Avenue between Hamilton and Prospect Streets.



Kringles Win a Nail-Biter to Start Softball Season

The Emmaus Kringles' softball season hung un to win their first game 14-12 on May 19! 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 Tom Rudey at 632-0643 (home) or 554-5804 (days).

Games are on most Tuesday evenings at 7:15 (8:30 on June 30; bye on July 28); the season runs through August 11.

Remember: Summer ☺ ☰
is a good time to use the mail-in
offering envelopes!

Church Council Report

Council Ponders Financial Picture

At the April 13 meeting of your church council, Margaret Christensen and Amy Larsen reported that the church's financial situation was seriously out of balance. While pledging members are ahead of schedule in their giving, non-pledged giving has fallen off precipitously from previous years and outside income has not kept pace with inflation. The financial situation was scheduled to be discussed at a special congregational meeting on May 17.

Due to budget constraints, the council authorized using \$500 from the Dean Jensen memorial fund to help offset the costs of repairing the digital duplicator (the device which prints the *Visitor* and Sunday bulletins). The council will look at prioritizing anticipated expenses, some of which include repair of a roof leak over the

church office and possible structural damage in the wood framework of the parsonage due to carpenter ants.

There has been a 30% response rate to the letters sent out in the weeks before Easter to members who have not attended services or made a contribution of record in the previous year, and who are not known to be shut-in. The mailing asked respondents to indicate their intentions regarding their membership and whether the respondents had any needs which they would like the church to address.

Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul reported that they have visited two latch-key child care programs in Burlington and Kenosha to determine the feasibility of organizing such a program at Emmaus. (They have since visited another latch-key child care program in Milwaukee.)

Financial Figures

Year-to-date figures are calculated as of 4/26/1998 and include \$4,200 given in '97

General Fund offerings in April	\$15,789.81	YTD \$69,726.93
Building Fund offerings in April	\$ 618.00	YTD \$ 2,456.00
Unified receipts for April	\$16,407.81	YTD \$72,182.93
Unified budget for April	\$17,528.00	YTD \$74,496.00
2001 Fund offerings in April	\$ 368.00	YTD \$ 7,302.25
5/1/98 mortgage payment: Principal	\$457.12	
Interest	\$1,032.88	
Total	\$1,490.00	
Principal balance as of 5/11/1998	\$168,061.04	

Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance April:	1996: 236	1997: 184	1998: 249
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance May:	1996: 224	1997: 196	1998: 194*
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance June:	1996: 157	1997: 159	
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance July:	1996: 145	1997: 140	

*Through May 24, 1998

Members and Friends Adopt Sundays to Help Retire Emmaus Debt

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

Doris Decker, Carol Swiden, Doreen Sommer & Romayne Petersen; in memory of Lawrence Decker (scheduled for July).

Joy Halberstadt; in honor of Brad Kousek on his 18th birthday.

Esther Jensen, in honor of great-grandsons Ethan Johnson, Timothy Human, and Skylar Jensen.

Pastor Mary Janz, in memory of Roy A. Janz.

Lucille Adams-Dudek, in memory of S/Sgt. George Adams.

Building & Grounds Report

Thanks to Helpers

Emmaus members raked leaves, trimmed shrubs, prepared ground for planting, and removed dead trees and shrubs during the two-hour clean-up of the church grounds on Saturday, May 9.

Thanks to all the people who helped with clean-up day: Bill and Shirley Irvine, Al & Jan Svendsen, Cindi, Loren & Ken Larsen, Boots LeRoux, Al & June Beck, Harold Miller, John Cook, Austin Schultz, Ellen Nuechterlein, Lyle Christensen, Cheryl Dexter, Pat Jensen, and Pat LeRoux-Sodke.

Thanks also to Harold Miller and Bill Irvine for installing the air conditioners in the Sunset Room on May 11.

Godspeed to Wes

Our custodian, Wes Mohr, has accepted the position of custodian at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We at Emmaus wish him farewell and good luck at his new job. We will begin our search for a new custodian presently.

There will be a farewell coffee during the fellowship hour after church

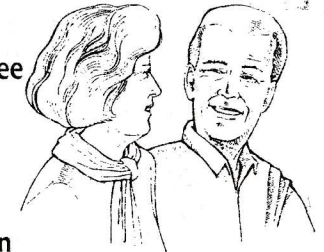
on June 7.



Pat LeRoux-Sodke and Betty Barth help clean around the church grounds

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 JUNE:

June 2 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. 500 Nations, Part 7: "Roads Across the Plains"
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

June 9 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. New Orleans
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

June 16 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. Esther Jensen: China
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities



June 23 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. Program TBA
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

June 30 10:00 a.m. Picnic at Carol's

PROGRAMS FOR JULY:

July 7 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. 500 Nations, Part 8: "Attack on Culture"
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Brunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

July 14 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center (continued)

- (July 14) 10:30 a.m. Program TBA
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Social activities
- July 21 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
 10:30 a.m. Program TBA
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Social activities
- July 28 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
 10:30 a.m. Program TBA
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Social activities



June-July Birthdays

June 1	Marcie Runge	1916 S. Wisconsin Avenue	53403
June 6	Fran Burdick	1238 Harrington Drive	53405
June 10	Evelyn Larsen	5315 Norman Street	53406
June 12	Lyle Zielke	236 Wilnette Springs Drive	53405
June 15	Elert LeClair	3608 Douglas Avenue #418	53402
June 16	Doris Jensen	1455 Sun Valley Drive #204	53406
June 17	Mildred Schroth	3900 N. Main Street #231	53402
June 22	June Johns	5527 Marboro Drive	53406
June 25	Lowell Klees	1903 Shoop Street	53404
June 27	Al Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane	53405
June 29	Ella Reckhow	3601 S. Chicago Ave., S. Mke.	53172
July 6	Lucille Atkinson	1230 N. Memorial Drive	53404
July 9	Helen Mickelson	1737 Shoop Street	53402
July 18	Gladys Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 23	Edith Bohn	4435 Lakeshore Road	53403
July 26	Doris Decker	3000 N. Green Bay Road	53404
July 27	Mildred Haakensen	2818 Donna Avenue	53404
July 27	Joyce Toslek	5809 Sixteenth Street #230	53406
July 28	Lawrence Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
July 29	Betty Petersen	1916 S. Wisconsin Ave. #349	53403
July 30	Ralph Rasmussen	8829 Northwestern Avenue	53406
July 31	Glenn Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404

Worship Assistants






	Altar Guild	Ushers	Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
June 6 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—	—
June 7 9:15 am	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine	Team #3 Harold Miller	Audrey Rasmussen	Chester & Mabel Meyer	Audrey Rasmussen
June 14 9:15 am	—	Team #2 Bob Christensen	Kylee Albright	Al & June Beck	Julia Durand
June 20 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Michele Kreimer	—	—	—	—
June 21 9:15 am	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Gregg Albright	Ralph & Audrey Rasmussen	TBA
June 28 9:15 am	—	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Chris & Karen Olson	TBA
July 4 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—	—
July 5 9:15 am	Cynthia Cook Sharon Devine	Team #7 John Cook	Betty Barth	Don & Dolly Orth	TBA
July 12 9:15 am	—	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Maury Felton	Jim & Judy Yorgan	TBA
July 18 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen	—	—	—	—
July 19 9:15 am	Maury & Anne Felton	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Ruth Hlavka	Al & Jan Svendsen	TBA
July 26 9:15 am	—	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	David Christensen	Bob & Margaret Christensen	Nancy Smith
Aug. 1 5:00 pm	Pat LeRoux-Sodke Sandi Zeleski	—	—	—	—
Aug. 2 9:15 am	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #3 Harold Miller	Joel Nuechterlein	TBA	TBA



Altar Flowers

June 7	Jess & Karen Sedgwick
June 14	Cathy Meyer; Martin & Marion Andersen
June 21	Gerry & Judy Dykstra
June 28	A&D Rode; C&K Olson; M&A Felton
July 5	Pat & John Liesch
July 12	Arvilla Nemer
July 19	Ruth Hlavka
July 26	Peter & Marsha Connet
Aug. 2	Jeff & Linda Clinton

Candle Care

Margaret Christensen (through June)
Jan Svendsen (through July)
Pat LeRoux-Sodke

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JUNE, 1998 Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374</p>	<p>1 <i>The Visitation</i> 4:00 pm WELCA Bible study leaders 5:00 pm Nurturing Program 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Emmanuel 7:15 pm Kringles' softball SE diamond</p>	<p>3 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Marge Zielke's 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle</p>	<p>4 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>7 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 9:15 am Worship Service LBW #2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship</p> 	<p>8 5:00 pm Nurturing Program 6:30 pm Church Council</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Travel presentation 7:15 pm Kringles' softball NE diamond</p>	<p>10</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>The Season After Pentecost</i></p>  </div>	<p>11 <i>St. Barnabas</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:30 pm Chicago Folk musicians practice 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>
Pastor Paul on vacation June 11 - 18						
<p>14 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>15 5:00 pm Nurturing Program 6:30 pm Deacons mtg.</p>	<p>16 9:30 am Cluster Clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus' 7:15 pm Kringles' softball NE◇</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6:30 pm Andersen-Ketchum rehearsal</p>	<p>20 2:00 pm Andersen-Ketchum wedding 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
Pastor Paul on vacation June 11-18						
<p>21 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:15 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship</p>  <p>Father's Day</p>	<p>22 5:00 pm Nurturing Program</p>	<p>23 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 10:00 am Cluster Clergy outing 5:00 pm TOPS 7:15 pm Kringles' softball NE◇</p>	<p>24 <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</i></p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>
<p>28 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>29 <i>St. Peter & Paul, Apostles</i> 5:00 pm Nurturing Program</p>	<p>30 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 8:30 pm Kringles' softball NW◇</p>	<p>JULY 1</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>Independence Day</i> 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, WI 53404 Phone (414) 634-5515</p>	<h1>JULY, 1998</h1>		<p>1 </p>	<p>2 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p>3 </p>	<p>4 <i>Independence Day</i> 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion</p>
<p>5 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:15 am Worship Service LBW #2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>6 Office closed 5:00 pm Nurturing Program</p>	<p>7 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:15 pm Kringles' softball NE ♦</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>
<p>12 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:15 am Festival Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>13 Deadline to register for Vacation Bible School 5:00 pm Nurturing Program 6:30 pm Church Council</p>	<p>14 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:15 pm Kringles' softball SE ♦</p>	<p>15 <i>Aug. Visitor deadline</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion</p> <p>Pastor Mary on vacation</p>
<p>19 <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service w/Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>20 5:00 pm Nurturing Program</p>	<p>21 9:30 am Cluster Clergy 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:15 pm Kringles' softball SE ♦</p>	<p>22 <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <i>St. James the Elder</i> 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>
<p>.... Pastor Mary on vacation July 18 - 31</p>						
<p>26 <i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word and Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>27 5:00 pm Nurturing Program</p>	<p>28 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>August 1 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.</p>
<p>...Pastor Mary on vacation July 18 - 31</p>						
<p>2 9:15 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 9:00 am Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>4 9:00 am Vacation Bible School 7:15 pm Kringles, SE ♦</p>	<p>5 9:00 am Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>6 9:00 am Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>7 9:00 am Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>8 5:00 pm Worship Service</p>

Emmaus

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Address: _____ Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$10		
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$20, \$10		
Schwan's Delivery	9%	\$10		
Clothing & department stores				
Kohl's Department Store	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
ShopKo	4%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney	6%	\$100, \$25, \$10		
Sears	2%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	19%	\$10		
The Gap	9%	\$10, \$20		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Lillian Vernon	14%	\$20		
Spiegel	9%	\$25		
Victoria's Secret	14%	\$10, \$25		
The Disney Store	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	18%	\$10		
August Max Woman	19%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	10%	\$25, \$10		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$10, \$25		
Sporting goods stores				
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	9%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Walden Books	8%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25, \$10		
Stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				
Best Buy	2%	\$50		
Circuit City	3%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		

Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	10%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys 4 Us	3%	\$10, \$5		
Shoe stores				
Footlocker	9%	\$25, \$10		
Payless Shoes	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10		
Pier One	9%	\$25, \$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	18%	\$25		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$5		
Mobil Oil	4%	\$100, \$50, \$25 debit card	TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE	
Shell Oil	2%	\$50, \$20, \$10		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Marriott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns)	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	135	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebee's	9%	\$10		
Bob Evans	9%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's	9%	\$10		
Chili's	13%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$5		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Long John Silvers	9%	\$5		
Perkins	9%	\$5		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Ponderosa	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	14%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$5		
			TOTAL	\$

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. 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. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

Safe Bikers Mind the Rules of the Road

by Carol Eschmann, RN

As summer approaches, many of us spend more time in outdoor activities. Bicycling is a pastime almost everyone can enjoy. It is important to remember the "rules of the road" apply to bicycles (or walkers) as well as cars. Wearing a helmet and brightly colored clothing are important. Also, keep the following in mind when you venture out:

1. Look first, then enter a street or intersection. Always stop, dismount, and get on and continue riding when you know the intersection is clear.
2. Obey traffic signals, signs and road markings as if you were driving a car. Ride single file on the right side.
3. Ride with traffic, not against it. That way, drivers can see you far enough ahead to steer clear of you. (Walkers, however, should face oncoming traffic.)
4. Use hand signals to indicate turning right and left 100 feet beforehand. Check traffic before you turn, and then keep your hands on the handlebars.
5. Stay away from parked cars. At least three feet away is a general guideline. Watch for signs that cars are pulling away from a curb, such as engines running, brake lights and turn signals.
6. Be courteous. In areas where cycling is allowed on sidewalks, always warn pedestrians that you're coming.
7. Follow carefully behind other cyclists and drivers. Follow

- about two seconds behind and allow yourself enough time to stop, if necessary.
8. Watch for potholes, railroad tracks, sewer grates and any other obstruction in your path.
 9. Keep your bicycle in top condition. Make sure brakes are working, tires are pumped up and everything is in working order.
 10. Avoid night riding if you can. If you are caught in the dark, make sure it's in an area with familiar terrain—and that you're wearing reflective clothing that drivers can easily see.
 11. Always carry water and drink frequently to avoid dehydration.
 12. Don't forget sunscreen on all exposed parts of the body. You may also want to avoid riding during the hottest time of the day.

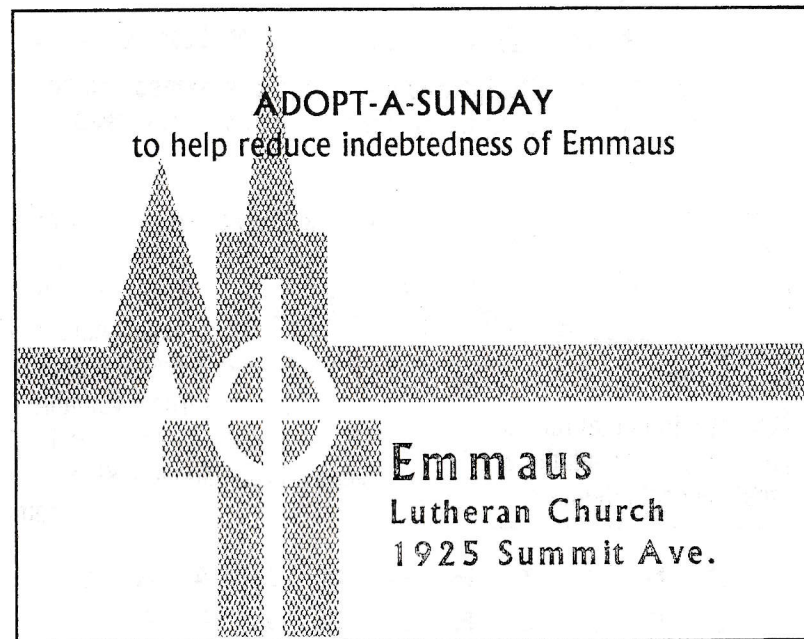
I am available to you through the summer for any health concerns you may have. I can be reached at home (835-2372) or through your church office. I pray that each of you will have a safe and healthy summer.

Teddy Bear Languishes in Lost and Found

Have you given up looking for that mislaid pair of glasses, ring of keys, jacket or teddy bear? Time is running out for several odd and sundry items in the Emmaus lost and found. Please contact the church office if you have been seeking any long-lost item that might have been left at church.

Wish List

- ◆ Donations (any amount) for Vacation Bible School Day Camp "Camperships" (\$40.00 covers the entire cost of one young person)
- ◆ Donations for a changing table (total cost: \$380) for women's rest room



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: _____



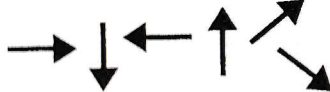
Just for KIDS



Proverbs 17:17a ♥ John 15:13 ♥ Proverbs 27:10a

The Scriptures above and the names and the words below all have a common thread.

Circle the words and names in the puzzle. You will find them



The 11 letters that remain uncircled will spell the word that connects them all.

- Jesus & Mary & Martha & Lazarus
- Paul & Timothy
- David & Jonathon
- God & Abraham
- Job & Eliphaz & Bildad & Zophar
- Loving - True - Valuable -
- Loyal - Faithful - Helpful
- Close - Like-minded - Kind - We
- Ruth & Naomi

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Friendship

Cluster Meal Site Plans Kitchen Shower

Dear ELC Cluster Partners,

Our Savior's Congregation enjoys joining with other Lutheran Congregations in the mission of the Community Meal. We have been privileged to share our facilities for the Sunday night supper. However, after forty years of service to our congregation and others, our kitchen is in need of restocking and updating in order to meet city code.

In order for our mission to continue, we are planning a "Kitchen Shower" for our church. We are inviting you to join us in this event.

The shower will take place September 19, 1998, and we will be

sending official invitations as we near the date. This letter is to inform you of the upcoming event so you can present it to your council and membership and put it on your calendar.

We are inviting congregations to contribute shower gifts such as dishtowels, or "restaurant style" supplies. Monetary gifts will also be welcome and used to replace the floor and purchase larger items.

We look forward to seeing you September 19.

—Your partners in mission,
Our Savior's Congregational Life
Committee

Northside Food Pantry Report as of April 30, 1998

Number of people served: 255

Money received: \$207.37

Trinity UMC: \$25.00

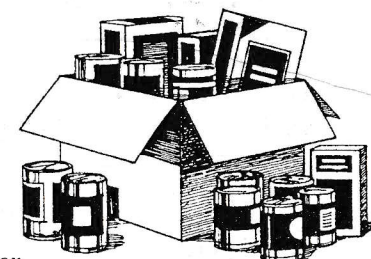
Emmaus ELC: \$40.37

Good Friday Service: \$142.00

Money spent: \$487.54

Checkbook Balance: \$2,484.42

—Mary Haas, Northside Food Pantry Coordinator



Program for At-Risk Families Meets at Emmaus

Lutheran Social Service's "The Nurturing Program" has begun meeting at Emmaus Lutheran Church on Monday evenings from 5:00 to 7:30. The Nurturing Program is a twelve-week program targeting at-risk families in need of specific skill-building. Parents and children meet separately before coming together for a common meal donated by community volunteers. Men then return to their

groups for the last hour.

The Nurturing Program is funded through the United Way and is offered at no cost to participating families. This includes two-parent, single-parent, teenage parent, foster parent, blended, and step-families. Anyone interested in the program or in helping with the evening meal is welcome to contact Christina Carel at 637-3886.



The Congregational Connection!

THE SYNOD PUBLICATION THAT KEEPS YOU INFORMED

ELCA Youth Pursue Ministry with Homosexual and Bisexual Youth

The Youth of the ELCA met in March, 1998 and decided to "pursue a dynamic, interactive, open and welcoming ministry" with gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth, "but will exclude the possibility of a gathering. . .

"We've found that planning this gathering is not feasible because we could not determine how to create a safe environment for gay, lesbian and bisexual young people who decide to attend. . . we felt that planning a gathering may not be the best way to do ministry," said Meredith Lovell, Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) board member.

"The Youth organization is not going to shut up about doing this ministry," says Jay McDivitt, board member, "We will continue to organize and re-envision how we can pursue this ministry," he said.

At its meeting in fall of 1997, the board acted to designate 1998 as "A Year of Prayer" for homosexual and

bisexual youth.

April 29, 1998 was a day when about 500,000 members of LYO and other in the ELCA were invited to pray and fast for the "personal and faith issues facing gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth." Communication on the Internet and a "time for engagement with pastors, theologians, and families" were all a part of the prayer day.

LYO President, Rebecca Lawrence, Chicago, said, "It is the

youth organization's responsibility to address and meet the needs of the youth sitting in the church pew."

Says Lovell, "Teenagers are leaving the church and we want to know why. The youth organization wants to find ways of helping congregations invite young people into the life of the church once again. Envisioning the future will help make the work of the LYO board more relevant to the youth sitting in the pew."

"The Youth Organization is not going to shut up about doing this ministry"

Have you ever considered VOLUNTEER TEACHING?

Perhaps now is the time to start! The ELCA Division for Global Mission had many opportunities for those who want to do an extraordinary ministry in teaching.

Lutheran World Mission Volunteer (LWMV) is a service of the ELCA. Its ministry is to encourage volunteer service among Lutherans and to manage the matching of short term, skilled, self-supported volunteers with opportunities for providing extra assistance to missionary programs outside of the USA.

The LWMV office tries to make contact between human resource and need. Its responsibility is to serve overseas Lutheran churches and to keep Lutherans informed of opportunities such as this.

LWMV provides places potentially interested in inviting volunteers with complete details and background information outlining a volunteer's ability and

availability. All volunteers are individually invited by the churches in other countries, based upon this information. LWMV also assists with preparations before service, keeps in touch with volunteers in service, and helps with evaluation of a volunteer experience when the term is completed.

Volunteers are requested by churches, institutions and agencies in most areas of the world, particularly Africa, South Asia, and the South Pacific.

Almost any skill you may have might be used in some area of the world.

The qualifications for becoming a volunteer are:

- * a willingness to serve people in a spirit of Christian love and dedication
- * skills in a trade or profession
- * patience and ability to adapt to new places, people and ways of living
- * good physical health and emotional stability
- * financial resources.

Within the year, volunteer teachers are needed in Tanzania and Slovakia.

For job descriptions of these opportunities or a listing of other opportunities, please contact Kris in the Synod Office, 414/671-1212.

Reading
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Transform your
teaching career
into a teaching
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ELCA
Schools

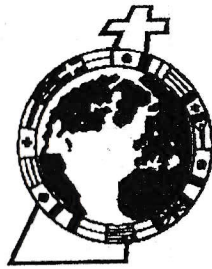
- meeting the challenge -
- achieving excellence -

Contact

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Refugee Admissions Need Your Attention!

The U.S., a long time leader in the field of human rights, needs to make that leadership more real by extending admission and protection to those fleeing war and political and religious persecution. With the U.S. resettling less than 1% of the world's uprooted, now is the time to enhance our leadership position by opening our doors to more refugees.

For fiscal year 1998, President Clinton set the refugee ceiling at 83,000, a 5,000 increase over last year. While a positive step, it is only a fraction of the world's need. The refugee program is funded through the Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) account, which was \$650 mil-

lion last year. In his fiscal year 1999 budget, the President has requested the same amount despite the 5,000 increase in refugee admissions and general yearly increases in operating costs.

Refugee resettlement agencies, including the *Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)*, recommended a refugee admissions ceiling of 111,550 in 1998, and 104,000 in 1999.

Continuing humanitarian crises in various parts of the globe require a commitment on the part of the U.S. to adequately address the potential refugee needs they may generate.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write or call (Capital Switchboard: 1-202-224-3121) your Representatives and Senators and ask them to weigh in the House and Senate Judiciary Committee members who will participate in the consultation process with the administration, as well as the Appropriations Committee members, who will decide the funding for MRA. Ask them to maintain a generous refugee policy with admissions numbers from 90,000 to 110,000, along with enough funding to adequately carry out such a policy. Also ask them to place more emphasis on resettlement numbers for Africa, which have only been 7,000 out of a total 78,000 refugee admissions numbers.

WISCONSIN SENATORS:

Senator Herbert Kohl:

senator_kohl@kohl.senate.gov
414/297-4451

Senator Russell Feingold:

russell_feingold@feingold.senate.gov
414/276-7282

Witness to God's Action In The World

The 1997 ELCA Churchwide Assembly approved the seven *Initiatives for a New Century* that will guide the vision of the ELCA for the next four years. Initiative number three, "Witness to God's Action in the World," calls for the strengthening of congregations in witness and service. Part of this initiative encourages congregations to live out its witness and service in its community by: addressing and deliberating on pressing social and ethical questions in a spirit of civility, drawing upon Scripture, our theological tradition, contemporary knowledge, and our varying experiences; and in their cooperative efforts with civic and private agencies for community renewal through economic development, housing rehabilitation, jobs and business development.

The ministry of advocacy is one of the ways we fulfill this initiative. The vision that Christians have will help shape a world where community renewal, economic development, housing rehabilitation, jobs and business development are possible for all God's children. We are called to use our gifts for research, persuasion and persistence to shape a world where the church's vision becomes a part of the discussion. Our witness helps to lift the political discussions above blame and partisan politics to a level where the least of us is cared for as well as the greatest.

Without the church's voice in today's political discussion the power of faith would be sorely missed. If we are to live out the initiatives that we as a church have lifted up, then we must explore the paths that advocacy opens before us. They will surely include discussions of economic justice, peace, and witnessing to those who are in power. After all, the ministry of advocacy is not only about witnessing how we believe our faith shapes the world, but also tells us to whom we need to be witnessing.

The Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs (LOGA) provides resources and specific tools to help you and your congregation become more deeply involved in carrying out the ELCA *Initiatives for a New Century*.



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For ideas on how you can promote peace and justice in the world, contact:

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122 C Street NW, Suite 125
Washington, D.C. 20001-2172
Phone: (202) 783-7507

Fax: (202) 783-7502, E-mail: loga@ecunet.org
Web site: <http://www.elca.org/dcs/advocacy/loga.html>

Lutheran Brotherhood Announces Openings

Lutheran Brotherhood's Southeast Wisconsin Richmond Agency announces that due to expansion of its Milwaukee office, they have opportunities for individuals who are looking for a career change. The ideal candidate will be a high-quality, success-oriented individual with sparkle who

has desire for self-employment, is physically, financially and emotionally fit, is self-motivated, seeks opportunity to grow and serve, and has teachable spirit.

Interested candidates should contact John R. Richmond at 1-800-924-1142 or (414) 476-8484.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Racine Hosts Scandinavian Fest

The Scandinavian Festival will be at Festival Hall on Saturday, June 13, 1998, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.00.

Messiah Offers Viking Fest

Messiah Lutheran Church, on Durand Avenue between Regency Mall and Ohio Street, will host another Scandinavian Festival, Viking Fest, on Saturday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Taste homemade traditional

There will be a Scandinavian chorus, Scandinavian dancers and many musicians. There also will be youth activities, arts and crafts and many ethnic foods.

dishes—American fare as well as Norse—with favorite desserts prepared by Messiah's most excellent cooks and bakers.

Admission and parking are free.

Habitat Home Construction Underway on South Side

On Saturday, April 25, a Blessing Service was held at the ELCA mission project site on Hamilton Avenue at 21st Street in Racine. Forty-six people attended. Construction is now underway on a new Habitat for Humanity home at that south side location.

You are invited to assist with this Mission Project of our church. Work times are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to noon, and Tuesday evenings from 6:00

to 9:00.

For information, call Nora Grosse at 637-9176 or visit the Mission Project site. This is a mission project right in our area. Support this mission effort, volunteer—get involved. Help provide affordable homes to people in need.



Pastor Mary's Column

Reflections on Abundance and Generosity

As I stated at the May 17 congregational meeting, several recent experiences have made me reflect on words such as *abundance*, *scarcity*, and *generosity*. The current financial "shortfall" has been on the minds of many members of Emmaus in the past weeks and months.

I was coming out of this mindset—thinking about how we didn't have "enough" financial resources—when I went to the Clergy Day of Renewal in West Bend recently. There I sat next to one of the delegates from the Meru diocese in Tanzania. As

we were eating our lunch of sandwiches, chips, salad and fruit, a pitcher of milk was being passed down the table. The man at my side looked at that milk and then looked at me, saying, "You have so much milk, don't you? You have *all* the milk you want!"

I had to admit that we not only have all the milk we want/need, but that there is an overabundance of milk and other dairy products in this dairy state. That was more abundance than he could fathom—*all* the milk we wanted, and then some! As I talked with the Tanzanians who come from a land devastated by two years of drought followed by ruthless flooding, and as I sensed their faith and hope and determination, together with their gratitude for the way Lutherans in the Milwaukee Synod have reached out to them, I was humbled. I saw no scarcity of hope or gratitude as they told their stories. They brought a *richness* to our gathering.

Another reflection—this one even closer to home. Just a few weeks ago, following confirmation class, one of the young people came up to me with a zip-lock bag. In the bag were quarters and bills. As he handed me the bag, he told me it was for the church. When I asked him where the money



had come from, he told me he had been collecting and saving it. It was the fruits of odd jobs he had done and from birthday money he had received.

What generosity! He came to me with \$42.43 of his own money, offering it to the church. As I was talking with

his mother several days later and commenting on her son's generosity, she told me that she had no idea that he had done that! He must have heard her and his dad talking about what they could do to help support the church.

After hearing the story of the boy in her confirmation class, another confirmation student and her family began brainstorming about what they could do for the church. Between piggy banks, a container of loose change and loose change in pockets and purses, they gathered over \$200.00 and decided to adopt a Sunday in memory of a loved one; and still others have adopted one or more bills from the "Share a Blessing—Adopt a Bill" board in the narthex. (By the way, who says that young people don't "get it" or don't care?)

We enter the summer season knowing that it can be a time when offerings tend to drop. But, rather than

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Pastor Mary's Column

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an attitude of scarcity, let's reflect on our incredible abundance and share with that same attitude of generosity as those confirmation students as we strive to carry out Christ's mission in Racine and beyond.

Thanks to all of you who are so faithful in your gifts of time and money! May your summer bring you new blessings and refreshment!

In Christ's abundant love,

Pastor Mary

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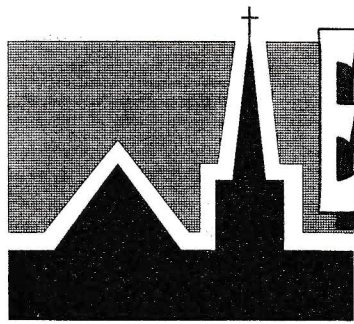
In the June-July

VISITOR:



- ☛ Register for Vacation Bible School by July 13
- ☛ Emmaus Youth Graduate
- ☛ Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary to Hold Teas
- ☛ Cluster Meal Site Plans Kitchen Shower
- ☛ Council Ponders Finances

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Vacation Bible School Witnesses "God's Awesome Love"

Vacation Bible School opens its doors at Emmaus August 3 through 7. Four Lutherdale counselors will be leading the Day Camp portion of VBS under the theme of "God's Awesome Love."

Although the deadline for registration has passed, we are still able to add a few last-minute kids to the roster. If interested, please contact the church office, Ellen Nuechterlein, or Pastor Mary.

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 Cathy Meyer and Mark Frankowski.

Karen and Jennifer Olson will lead our preschoolers from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. daily.

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. Gifts of any amount are appreciated; \$40.00 covers the cost of one student for Day Camp.
- ◆ 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!

Baptisms:

June 7, 1998
Lance Michael Fry

Lance is the son of Mike and Julie Fry, and was born January 16. His sponsors are Rachele Babington, Debbie Hanson, and Brian Fry.

June 14, 1998
Michaela Marie Keller

Michaela is the daughter of Brian and Denise Keller and the granddaughter of Art and Diane Rode. She was born April 18. Her sponsors are Stacey Robe and Dan Haas.

June 28, 1998
Nathaniel James Janusz

Nathaniel was born July 15, 1997, to Crystal Janusz and Dale Dreztko. His mother is a niece of Cindi Larsen. His sponsors are Danielle Dreztko and Jonathan Janusz. His parents live in South Milwaukee.

June 28, 1998
Erin Elizabeth Hetchler

Andy and Elizabeth Hetchler became the proud parents of their daughter Erin on May 12. Erin's sponsors are James Rusten and Sharon Hetchler.

July 26, 1998
Zachary David Smith

Zachary was born June 9 to David and Kris Smith, and is the grandson of John and Kathy Cook. His sponsors are Melissa Mohrbacher and Jeff Smith.

Wedding:

June 20, 1998
Kerry Lynn Andersen
Michael Allen Ketchum

Kerry Andersen, daughter of Alfred and Judy Andersen, and Michael Ketchum, son of Richard and Judy Ketchum, were united in holy matrimony by Pastor Paul. The couple reside in Racine.

Expressions of Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of LeRoy Pedersen, who passed away June 13. A former Racine resident, Mr. Pedersen used to sing in the Emmaus choir and had been a member of the church council. He is survived by his wife, Lois, daughter of Esther Jensen, and their daughters Lynn, Nancy and Karen, and their

families.

We also extend our sympathy to Marion Andersen and the family and friends of her sister, June Gattie.

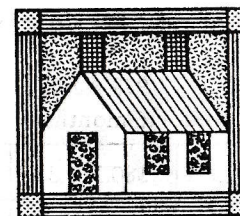
We extend sympathy also to Cathy Knuteson and her family on the death June 28 of her mother, Betty Heasley.

Cottage Meetings Offer Opportunity for Input

by Lyle Zielke

We are in the process of planning for "Cottage Meetings" to occur in October, 1998.

As at previous cottage meetings, we look forward to your comments and suggestions regarding all aspects of the church. We would appreciate hearing ideas on how to improve communication between council and members, how to improve our current ministries and suggestions of areas in



As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. -Joshua 24:15

which to expand or enhance.

I encourage you to open your homes to hold a meeting and/or to volunteer to act as a meeting recorder (see below). I encourage everyone to come to a meeting.

Sign up sheets will be available in the narthex and telephone calls will be made. When contacted, please respond affirmatively. Your participation can help to enhance Emmaus as a vibrant and comforting place of worship.

Yes, I can help with cottage meetings this October by:

- Hosting a cottage meeting of eight to twelve people in my home (and providing beverage)
- Providing bakery for a cottage meeting
- Acting as recorder at a cottage meeting, taking notes/minutes
- Being a phone caller to invite members to cottage meetings (in late September)



Name _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

1998 Mid-Year Financial Update

1998 Projected Income				
	1998 Budget	1998 Actual (6 months)	1998 pro- rated	Ahead/ -Behind
General, pledged	\$160,508.00	\$80,779.31	\$161,558.62	\$1,050.62
Gen., unpledged	\$32,074.00	\$11,361.53	\$22,723.06	-\$9,350.94
Special envs.	\$8,100.00	\$4,889.00	\$9,778.00	\$1,678.00
Loose offer'g	\$2,500.00	\$1,293.52	\$2,587.04	\$87.04
Fundraisers	\$3,000.00	\$1,006.56	\$2,013.12	-\$986.88
Outside income	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$8,500.00
Bldg. use/rent	\$4,500.00	\$2,440.00	\$4,880.00	\$380.00
Bldg. Fund	\$9,000.00	\$4,950.00	\$9,900.00	\$900.00
Adopt-a-bill	\$0.00	\$1,267.68	\$2,535.36	\$2,535.36
Misc. income	\$0.00	\$1,768.14	\$1,768.14	\$1,768.14
Totals	\$228,182.00	\$109,755.74	\$217,743.34	-\$10,438.66

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 1998				
	Actual expenditures	Budget (6 months)	% of budget	
6000 Benevolence funds	\$3,721.09	\$9,286.50	40.1%	
6100 Payroll expenses	\$71,685.53	\$75,923.59	94.4%	
6200 Ministry/committees	\$3,938.63	\$4,782.10	82.4%	
6300 Administrative	\$4,910.51	\$4,024.86	122.0%	
6400 Building & grounds	\$13,382.37	\$15,479.04	86.5%	
6500 Mortgage	\$9,377.00	\$9,377.00	100.0%	
Totals	\$107,015.13	\$118,873.09	90.0%	

Comment on Treasurer's Report

Note: at our current rate of spending only 90% of the budget, our total expenditures at the end of the year would be \$205,082. (Our projected income currently is \$217,743.) The only bill/commitment that we are more than 30 days behind in paying is benevolence



(which amounts to \$2,693). We will *not* end the year at only 90% of budget; but this is a good indication that we will end less than 100%. We should be able to better project in the fall just how much under budget our spending will be.

2001 Fund (as of June 30, 1998)

Basic question: How does the 2001 Fund differ from the "Building Fund," "debt retirement," or "Adopt-a-Sunday" gifts? Answer: 2001 Fund gifts are used for extra principal payments *only*. The other funds are used primarily to help make the monthly mortgage payment.

A total of \$42,367.94 has already been contributed to reduce the principal owed on the mortgage. This has moved us ahead more than *five years* on the amortization schedule! The total indebtedness has been reduced from \$213,700.68 to \$165,625.32 (as of July 10).

The August 1, 1998 mortgage payment of \$1,490 was split as 32% principal and 68% interest. The April 1, 1997 payment (before the beginning of the 2001 campaign) was \$1,927 with a split of 24% principal and 76% interest. The 2001 Fund campaign was instrumental in both negotiating a new

Financial Secretary's Report (as of June 30, 1998)	
Main Savings:	
For mortgage	\$98.76
Non-designated	\$4,141.72
Designated	<u>\$7,472.21</u>
Total	\$11,712.69

monthly mortgage payment of \$437 less per month (beginning February 1, 1998) and in gaining a more favorable split between principal and interest. Every extra principal payment made pushes that split further in our favor.

51 pledges have been made for a total of \$68,478.69 for the four-year campaign. Additional extra principal payments are being made as your contributions are received (which are welcome at any time and do not require a pledge).

Second Quarter Giving Statements Available at Church

Emmaus members' giving statements for the second quarter (April to June) are available in sealed envelopes in the narthex on Sunday mornings and from the church office on weekdays. There are no plans to mail out all the

statements that do not get picked up; if you are unable to pick up your statement and would like it sent to you, however, please call the church office any time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pardon Me, Is Your Zip Showing?

When mailing your offering envelopes to church, please make sure that your return address is covered up by the top flap of the envelope. Postal machinery has more than once sent offering envelopes back to their senders because the return ZIP code was showing.

We have written the company that sends out the envelope booklets to

request revisions to the design for the next batch of envelopes. We hope the changes will enable the U.S. Postal Service computers to read the correct address.

Emmaus members, including this fall's confirmands, should receive the next booklet of envelopes this month. The booklet will include the months of September, 1998 through January, 1999.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, May:	1996: 224	1997: 196	1998: 171
Average Weekly Attendance, June:	1996: 157	1997: 145	1998: 157
Average Weekly Attendance, July:	1996: 145	1997: 140	1998: 163
Average Weekly Attendance, August:	1996: 150	1997: 140	

Financial Figures

General/Misc. Fund offerings in May	\$18,653.25	
General/Misc. Fund offerings in June	\$14,565.00	YTD \$102,945.78
Bldg. Fund offerings received in May	\$1,716.00	
Bldg. Fund offerings received in June	\$778.00	YTD \$4,950.00
Unified receipts for May and June	\$35,712.25	YTD \$107,895.18
Unified budget at end of June		YTD \$113,934.50
2001 Fund offerings in May and June	\$1,205.00	CAMPAIGN TOTAL \$42,367.94
June mortgage payment: Principal	\$459.93	
Interest	\$1,030.07	
Additional principal	\$1,518.67	
Total	\$3,008.67	
Principal balance as of July 10, 1998		\$165,625.32

SCRIP Program Has Raised \$800

by Cathy Meyer

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the SCRIP program at Emmaus! With your efforts and matching funds from AAL, we are able to contribute \$800 toward the debt retirement fund!

For those of you who are still uncertain how the SCRIP program works, please read on. SCRIP is a term that means "substitute" money. When Emmaus members purchase scrip, they're purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by the national and local retailers where many of our Emmaus families already shop.

Because scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a discount which is returned to Emmaus as revenue.

These merchants want to support non-profit organizations and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. Emmaus members can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, we earn revenue for our church.



So think ahead about your August purchases. Check the list of retailers on the

pink SCRIP sheet and place your completed order form, with a check for the total amount ordered, in the SCRIP bucket in the narthex. August orders will be placed after the first and third Sundays of the month.



Get Your Tuition Dollars' Worth!

August is here, which means that for some of you, it's time to start deciding how much of your life you can cram into mom's minivan and haul up to college. Soon you will be thinking profound thoughts, seeking higher truths, and doing your darnedest to make the best of those hundreds of thousands of dollars you and your family are paying for your tuition.

Will you really be getting your dollars' worth? Sure, the professors, grounds keepers, and the lady behind the parking permit desk all earn their keep, but what about those people in the mail room? Since the explosion in the popularity of e-mail, do they really have enough to do all day to justify their salaries?

Let's all pitch in to keep your

mail room crew busy and productive. As soon as you know your campus address, please drop a line to the church office so that we can send the *Visitor* to you every month, keeping you informed of what's going on back here at home. It's your money!

Youth Birthdays

Aug. 1	Amanda Lawler	16
Aug. 4	Matt Nuechterlein	10
Aug. 21	Josh Sanders	18
Aug. 21	Stephen Mayer	8
Aug. 24	Chris Sedgwick	14
Aug. 26	Sarah Fiebig	18
Aug. 26	David Lopez	9
Aug. 28	Scott Rudey	16
Aug. 30	Marissa Connet	9

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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 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 & Pat LeRoux-Sodke Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Ryan Sedgwick

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Through September 6, 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 August to June. The deadline for the September VISITOR is August 15.

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Emmaus to Serve Community Meal August 6

by Margaret Christensen

It's that time again! Please sign up in the narthex to prepare either a cake, casserole or jello for the Thursday, August 6 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. The recipe for the casserole is



available in the church office. Pick up a pan and cover in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. I'm sure the people who eat at the meal site appreciate your efforts. Thank you for your willingness to provide this service.

Report from the Northside Food Pantry as of 6/30/98

Figures for May and June:
 Number of people served: 204
 Money received: \$202.50
 Trinity UMC \$92.50

Second Presbyterian .. \$110.00
 Money spent: \$1,053.60
 Checkbook balance \$1,633.32
 --Mary Haas
 Food Pantry Coordinator, 639-5149

Letter

Homeless Shelter Volunteers Vital to REST Program

I am pleased that Emmaus Lutheran Church will be with us again this year and I pray that the volunteers have had time to recuperate this summer. I would like to thank all these unsung heroes. The work they do is of vital importance to the program. Without them the REST program would be nothing.

I would also like to thank Pat Liesch; she makes the best food of all the seven churches. I would also like to thank Jim Palmer for accepting the job as treasurer of REST. The board of directors has many new challenges to face in the coming year, and I'm sure Jim is up to the challenge.

I am so proud of the people of Emmaus, who have taken care of the

men, women and children of Racine who found themselves in need of shelter. They really need you.



REST had a busy season this last year. We had so many more people than the year before. With that in mind, we will start in

September brushing up on the basics.

The local media have been very kind this year as well. With the press we received, many pounds of food, clothing, and toiletries have been showing up at my doorstep. Our guests should again be well dressed for winter.

We again thank all of you for your servants' hearts.

In Christ,
 Donna Bumpus, REST Coordinator

Senior Center Seeks Host/esses

The Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is looking for hosts and hostesses—people who can help host the program and serve meals on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

These people would not necessarily need to help with the cooking and preparing of meals on Monday. Please contact the church office (634-5515) or talk with Pastor Paul or Pastor Mary.

Parish Nurse's Column

You Can Avoid Food Poisoning

by Carol Eschmann

Bacteria live in nearly everything — soil, water, plants, animals, fish, waste, and even our own bodies. So if we don't handle foods properly — especially in summer's warmer temperatures — foods can become contaminated and make us sick.

The symptoms of illness from eating food contaminated with bacteria include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever. They may occur within four to 48 hours after eating and last for several days. These symptoms are so common that food poisoning is often confused with other illnesses. How sick one becomes depends on the type of bacteria present and the health of the person before eating the tainted food. Elderly people, pregnant women, infants and those who are already sick are at greatest risk. If you suspect a member of your family has food-borne illness, contact your physician.

To prevent or minimize growth of unwanted organisms:

- ▶ Keep everything clean — your hands, cookware, countertops, cutting boards, and utensils.
- ▶ Wash foods carefully—particularly fruits, vegetables, and poultry.
- ▶ Cook raw meats, fish and poultry thoroughly, and use a

- ▶ meat thermometer.
- ▶ Don't purchase foods past the stamped "sell by" dates.
- ▶ Keep cold foods cold — below 40°F—and keep hot foods hot — above 140°F — after preparation.
- ▶ Keep the refrigerator temperature less than 40°F and the freezer less than 0°F.
- ▶ Put leftovers in shallow containers, and don't wait for foods to cool before stowing them in the fridge.
- ▶ **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

When attending summer picnics or outdoor barbecues, bring and eat foods that aren't likely to spoil. Whenever you can, choose ready-to-eat foods that are stored and eaten at room temperature. Keep refrigerated foods on ice and out of the sun to help prevent growth of "bad bugs." Skip foods if you're unsure of how they were handled or how long they've been unrefrigerated.

Have a safe and happy summer. I can be reached either through the church office, or you may phone me at home (835-2372).

I will be available to take blood pressure tests in Pastor Paul's office after the worship service Sunday, August 2.

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 AUGUST:

August 4: 11:00 a.m. Meet at the Atrium, 3900 N. Main Street

August 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

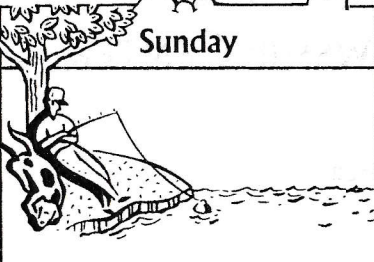


August 18: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. Emmaus kids' music recital
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games

August 25: 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



August Birthdays - 70 Years and Onward

Aug. 1	George Mathies	2015 Prospect Street	53404
Aug. 4	Don Gueldenzopf	1937 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Aug. 8	Norman Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Aug. 8	Dorothy Holtz	2200 Carlisle Avenue	53404
Aug. 10	Margaret Christensen	221 William Street	53402
Aug. 10	Fern Clark	546 Greenfield Road	53402
Aug. 11	Betty Barth	4940 Chester Lane #5	53402
Aug. 12	Al Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Aug. 14	Robert Lawrenz	1921 Mount Pleasant Street	53404
Aug. 17	Audrey Rasmussen	2755 Bartel's Drive	53406
Aug. 22	Jo Baggesen	1320 Nottingdale Dr. Woodbridge	22193
Aug. 25	Harold Traeger	5407 Norman Street	53406
Aug. 28	Caroline Schultz	812 Illinois Street	53405

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 Phone 414 634-5515		<h1>AUGUST, '98</h1>			1 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion	
2 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Worship Service LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship	3 5:00 pm Nurturing Program 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	4 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS 7:15 pm Kringles Softball, SE ♦			6 5:00 pm Community Meal, St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	7 TBA VBS Program for parents 6:00 pm Rock concert; host David Rudey	8 5:00 pm Worship Service
Vacation Bible School—9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Vacation Pre-School—9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.							
9 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Worship Service WOW Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 12:00 noon AAL Picnic at Johnson Park	10 6:30 pm Church Council	11 St. Laurence, Martyr 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center TBA pm Kringles Softball <i>make-up game</i>	12	13 5:30 pm Lincoln Lutheran Aux. Ice Cream Social at Lincoln Villas	14 September <i>Visitor</i> deadline	15 St. Mary, Mother of our Lord Christensen-Hanson wedding, if rain 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion	
Pastor Paul on vacation August 11-23							
16 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Worship Service Chicago Folk with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship	17	18 9:30 am Cluster Clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center TBA pm Kringles Softball <i>make-up game</i>	19	20	21	22 5:00 pm Worship Service	
Pastor Paul on Vacation August 11-23							
23 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Worship Service WOW Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship <i>Pastor Paul on Vacation Aug. 11-23</i>	24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle TBA WELCA Study leaders?	25 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center	26 Have you received your September offering envelopes?	27	28	29 5:00 pm Worship Service	
30 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Worship Service LBW Setting 2 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship	31 	Sept. 1 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 7:00 pm Cluster Council @Bethania	2 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Mary Schulz's	3	4	5 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion	

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Name: _____ Home phone: _____

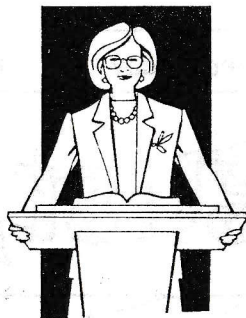
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Address: _____ Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$10		
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$20, \$10		
Schwan's Delivery	9%	\$10		
Clothing & department stores				
Kohl's Department Store	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
ShopKo	4%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney	6%	\$100, \$25, \$10		
Sears	2%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	19%	\$10		
The Gap	9%	\$10, \$20		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Lillian Vernon	14%	\$20		
Spiegel	9%	\$25		
Victoria's Secret	14%	\$10, \$25		
The Disney Store	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	18%	\$10		
August Max Woman	19%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	10%	\$25, \$10		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$10, \$25		
Sporting goods stores				
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	9%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Walden Books	8%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25, \$10		
Stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				
Best Buy	2%	\$50		
Circuit City	3%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		

Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	10%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys Я Us	3%	\$10, \$5		
Shoe stores				
Footlocker	9%	\$25, \$10		
Payless Shoes	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10		
Pier One	9%	\$25, \$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	18%	\$25		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$5		
Mobil Oil	4%	\$100, \$50, \$25 debit card	TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE	
Shell Oil	2%	\$50, \$20, \$10		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Marriott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns)	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	13%	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebee's	9%	\$10		
Bob Evans	9%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's	9%	\$10		
Chili's	13%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$5		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Long John Silvers	9%	\$5		
Perkins	9%	\$5		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Ponderosa	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	14%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$5		
			TOTAL	\$

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. 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. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!



AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

	SPECIAL ♪	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READER
Aug. 1 5:00 pm		Pat LeRoux-Sodke Sandi Zeleski		
Aug. 2 9:15 am	Julie Van Matre	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #3 Harold Miller	Joel Nuechterlein
Aug. 9 9:15 am	Polly Amborn		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Mildred Schroth
Aug. 15 5:00 pm		Boots LeRoux Margaret Christensen		
Aug. 16 9:15 am	Jan Mohr	Marge Zielke Marion Andersen	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Bev Hansen
Aug. 23 9:15 am	Chris Inloes Alan Biehn		Team #2 Bob Christensen	Karen Sedgwick
Aug. 30 9:15 am	Greg Berg or Caritas		Team #7 John Cook	Ryan Sedgwick
Sep. 5 5:00 pm		Brian & Denise Keller		
Sep. 6 9:15 am		Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Team #4 Rich Christensen	TBA

	ALTAR FLOWERS	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	CANDLES
Aug. 2	Jeff & Linda Clinton	Celia Weber	Pat
Aug. 9	Marie Andersen	TBA	LeRoux
Aug. 16	Gerry & Judy Dykstra	Linda Clinton	Sodke
Aug. 23	Bob & Margaret Christensen	TBA	
Aug. 30	Peter & Marsha Connet	TBA	
Sept. 6	Lee & Betty Woodward	TBA	Ev Larsen

News from the Pews

Adam Pechman Earns Eagle Scout Rank

Adam Pechman, son of Kenneth and Irene Pechman, was awarded his Eagle Scout badge in a ceremony at St. Rita School on May 31. Adam began scouting with Cub Scout Pack 108 and is the librarian and assistant patrol leader for Boy Scout Troop 161.

Adam painted and repaired Emmaus' garage, built a sandbox, and repaired the fence near the garage for his Eagle Scout service project.



Ryan Sedgwick: Northside Business and Professional Association; Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship (alternate); Thomas E. Sanders Runner-Up Award; Wisconsin All-State Academic Scholar; Tandy Technology Scholar; Optimist

Club of Racine Senior Scholar Program; Horlick High School Biology Student of the Year; Johnson International Inc. Scholarship.

Denise Keller Earns OTA Degree

Denise Keller graduated from Milwaukee Area Technical College this spring with a two-year Associate degree as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. Congratulations, Denise!

Roman Electric names Jerry Pipol Project Manager

Jerry Pipol has been named a project manager at Roman Electric's Racine-Kenosha office. Jerry has served as foreman on a variety of small and large projects for Roman Electric since he began working for the company from 1970 to '79. He rejoined the company in 1995. With this promotion, Jerry moves from field work to work in management.

Eric Larsen Selected for Badger Boys State

Eric Larsen was one of 28 Racine County high school juniors selected to participate in Badger Boys State at Ripon College in June. Badger Boys State was organized in 1941 by members of the American Legion. A full program of civics activities, athletics, a newspaper, band and chorus provide hands-on experience in understanding democracy and citizenship.

Emmaus Youth Earn Scholarships and Awards

The following Emmaus youth have won scholarships and awards:

David Rudey: James C. Lockwood Scholarship.

Lincoln Lutheran Hosts Ice Cream Social Aug. 13

Mark your calendar for the 25th Annual Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Ice Cream Social, Thursday, August 13. 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.

Live music on hand this year includes a calliope. A \$3.00 donation is requested for admission. Parking is



available in Mt. Pleasant's lot.

Emmaus is asked to contribute seven fruit pies and one cake. If you can help, please sign up in the narthex or contact Audrey Rasmussen (886-4960). Thank you!

WELCA Bulletins

Women's Circles Resume Meetings in Fall

by Myra Nielsen

All circle meetings will resume in September. We encourage anyone who is not a member to attend a circle that is convenient for them. Mary Circle and Rebecca Circle meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; Mary Circle members take turns hosting meetings at their homes, while Rebecca Circle meets at the church. Miriam Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the home of Jan Sukus.

Cluster and Synod Meetings

The Racine WELCA Cluster meeting will be held at North Cape Lutheran Church on October 3 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The program is "Sharing Our Ideas."

North Cape Lutheran is located on U.S. Highway 45 between 4 1/4 Mile Road and 5 Mile Road. One route there is to take County Trunk K west of I-94 three miles to Highway 45 in the town of North Cape; turn right and watch for the white church about a half

mile north of town on your right.

The Greater Milwaukee WELCA Convention will be at the Cousins Center in the southeast Milwaukee suburb of Cudahy October 16-17. Mark your calendars. We hope for a good representation from Emmaus.

Rummage & Bake Sale

Mark Saturday, September 19 on your calendar for our next rummage and bake sale. We probably all have items we no longer use and have put on a shelf for "just in case." Those same items are probably exactly what someone else is looking for.

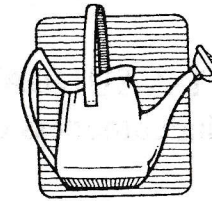
Now is the time to clear those shelves. The September *Visitor* will have the dates you can start bringing those items to church; we would like all items at church by September 16.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign up for a time slot when you can help. For information, please contact Pat Liesch (835-1363) Anne Felton (639-3011), or Betty Barth (639-7894).

Emmaus Members Keep Us Looking Good Outside

We want to thank Cheryl Dexter for taking care of some needed gardening in the berm in the turn-around at the south entrance to the church. Cheryl has kept the garden looking good through the summer.

YARDWORK



VOLUNTEERS

Thanks, too, to Al Beck and Pat Jensen for planting the Pentecost geraniums around the church in May.

And also thank you to Dennis Eschmann for repairing an outside light which had been knocked loose from its pole and filled with rainwater.

Sunday School News

Thanks and See You in the Fall

by Pat Liesch

Many thanks to Grace Falaschi, Cindi Larsen, Eric Larsen, and our confirmation class for helping make our last day of Sunday School special. The treats were great!

Sunday School will resume on September 14 at 9:15 a.m. Our Rally Day theme will be "Fly with the Lord."

All children who are at least three years old by September 1 are invited to come and join us!

MEMORIALS

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of June Gattie: \$10.00

In memory of Dean Jensen: \$100.00

Designated for Vacation Bible School:

In memory of Betty Heasley: \$25.00



Emmaus Members, Friends Adopt June and July Sundays

Thank you to the following people, who adopted Sundays this summer as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program:

Julia Durand, in memory of Laurier Durand.

An anonymous couple.

Chris and Karen Olson, in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

Amy Larsen, in memory of Ed

Larsen.

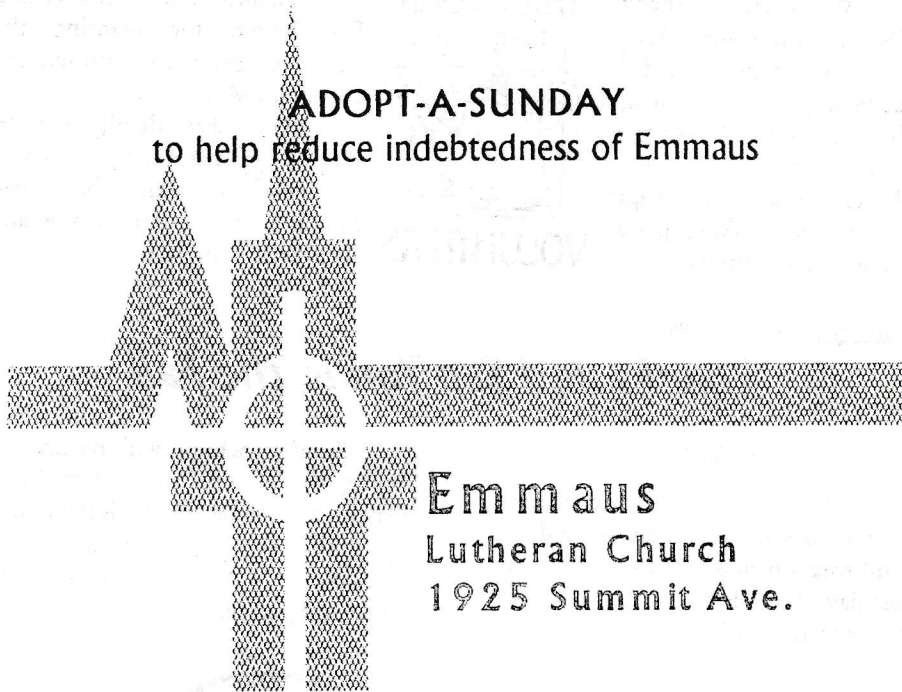
Jim & Nancy Brown, in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

John Psiones and the Gary & Julie Field family in memory of Shirley Psiones.

"No farmer ever plowed a field by turning it over in his mind."

—George E. Woodbury

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



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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: _____

WCC Raises \$63,000 for Amish Man Injured in Building Collapse

The Wisconsin Council of Churches announced in June that it had raised \$63,000 to help defray the medical costs of Henry Yoder, who suffered a broken neck in the collapse of the floor beneath 150 Amish people gathered for a worship service in Sauk County. (See the article in the February *Visitor*.) Mr. Yoder's medical bill amounted to \$170,000, which far exceeded his ability to pay. The University of Wisconsin Hospital later reduced the bill by 25% as part of an agreement with WCC.

Mr. Yoder's condition is now reported as stable, and while he is not expected to walk again, he does have limited use of his arms and hands. The Yoders are now residing with relatives in Illinois.

In a letter to the Wisconsin Council of Churches, the Yoder family stated, "We want to thank the churches and all the people for the donations, money, letters, greetings, and all acts of kindness since our accident. Words cannot express our thankfulness. We wish you all God's blessings."

Elsewhere in Our Area

AAL Hosts Picnic at Johnson Park

Aid Association for Lutherans will sponsor a fraternal picnic at H.F. Johnson City Park, 6200 Northwestern Blvd., Sunday afternoon, August 9. Register between noon and 2:00 for frequent prize drawings throughout the

day. (Winners must be present at the time of the drawing to claim prizes.)

There will be brats, burgers, hot dogs, candy, beer and free soda, plus entertainment by organist Erv Johnson. Lawn chairs welcome.

Racine Plans Sesquicentennial Worship Service

Visualize people of every race, creed, gender and age coming together because of what they have in common. On Sunday, August 9, The Downtown Cooperative Parishes will hold a non-denominational worship service at Racine's Monument Square as part of the celebration of Racine's 150th anniversary. Seating for the elderly and

handicapped will be provided; the service will be moved to Memorial Hall in the event of rain. The service will begin at 8:00 a.m. and last 50 minutes.

Please note that Main Street will be blocked off from State Street to Sixth Street the weekend of August 7-9. Check newspapers for details on a park-and-ride system.

Milwaukee Choir Opens Auditions

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee is seeking new voices for their 1998-'99 season. The choir will hold auditions August 11 and 18 from

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. Please contact Music Director David Mohr at 774-1775 to set up an appointment.

Mission Moment

Dennis Walker
House of Prayer
Syracuse, New York

The House of Prayer serves a neighborhood of Syracuse with a high concentration of single parents.

Pastor Alice Moberg-Sarver calls it a community of women and children.

Dennis Walker is a mildly retarded man in his 40s who found his way to the House of Prayer.

Walker told Pastor Moberg-Sarver he had never joined a church because they always gave him something to read. And he couldn't read.

House of Prayer found a tutor for Walker. He got involved in the life of the congregation and was the first person Pastor Moberg-Sarver baptized at House of Prayer.

Walker is very helpful with children, including Bobby, a 10-year-old with cerebral palsy. When Bobby comes to the House of Prayer, Walker carries him upstairs to the second floor worship space.

Here is Dennis Walker's first letter, slightly edited for space. It was written with the help of his tutor, but the words and ideas are his.

Dear Pastor Alice:

The Church is helping me in many ways. I have been learning about the good news from God.

I have been learning how to read better. I also improved sounding out words and improved in spelling...

The church has taught me how to be around people. I have helped people working in the pantry and serve the folks who come.

I have been coming to House of Prayer since Pastor Alice became the leader. I have been taking part by helping with projects and programs. I have met many new friends.

My friend Bobby encouraged me to become baptized, which made me very happy.

Congregations are urged to copy these Mission Moments to use as bulletin inserts and articles for congregation newsletters and tracts.

House of Prayer is house of hope

Dennis Walker is a mildly retarded man who lives in a part of Syracuse, N.Y., with a high concentration of single parents and their children.

The few men in the community are mostly elderly or, like Walker, have some kind of disability.

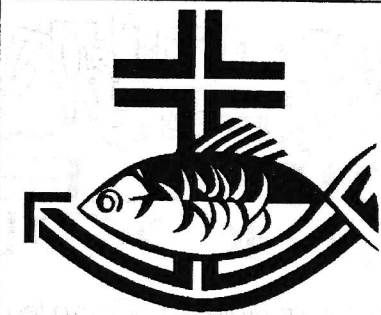
In the community, Pastor Alice Moberg-Sarver and the House of Prayer offer a ministry of hope and healing.

The House of Prayer, and ELCA ministry, has helped Walker learn to live independently. Part of that was finding a tutor to teach him to read.

Walker was the first person Pastor Moberg-Sarver baptized at House of Prayer.

In the first letter he ever wrote, Walker said, "The Church is helping me in many ways. I have been learning about the good news from God.

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Dennis Walker
House of Prayer,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Jesus Christ calls his church to be in the places and with the people the rich and powerful have abandoned.

With help from the ELCA's Division for Outreach, the House of Prayer serves a poor community in Syracuse, N.Y., with a high concentration of single parents and their children.

This ministry is reclaiming lives in the name of Jesus Christ. And your benevolence helps that happen.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 3-7, 1998

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. (\$40.00 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 _____

"Abundance and Generosity," Part II

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

As the summer began, Pastor Mary encouraged us in the last *Visitor* with "Reflections on Abundance and Generosity." She told of the confirmation student who responded to the shortfall with \$42.43 of his hard-earned savings. And of a family who gathered up over \$200 in loose change around their house and gave it to special offerings.

As the summer begins to wind down now, I am pleased to report that these kinds of responses to the congregational meeting on May 17 have become widespread, so that summertime, which is so often a quiet time in the church, a time of relative scarcity, has been a time of continued abundance and generosity for us here at Emmaus in 1998. It has been

very gratifying to witness and participate in such a response!

In the ten weeks since the May 17 meeting, you have given \$1,426.55 in extra donations to the "Share a Blessing—Adopt-a-Bill" appeal. The Pizza and SCRIP fundraisers have netted \$800 which will be matched by our local Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) Branch #4157. Giving to the Building Fund and 2001 Fund has remained at a high level in May-July—\$3,027 and \$2,928, respectively.

Most importantly, our weekly

offerings have stayed right at the level we need to continue to meet our budget. Each week I have anticipated a typical summer drop-off, and each week I have been graciously surprised to find otherwise. This is the first time in my thirteen years as a pastor that I have as yet not seen a significant summertime decline in offerings. Combine this with worship attendance that is up by more than a dozen over summer attendance last year, and this has truly been a summer of grace and abundance.

We are excited to bring this Spirit into the fall, beginning with a Rally Day celebration on September 13. We are most excited in planning a seven-week Sunday emphasis on the "Marks of Discipleship," which will coincide with cottage meetings (see article on page 3) and climax on Consecration Sunday, November 8.

First, we look forward to finishing the summer on a strong note. We have

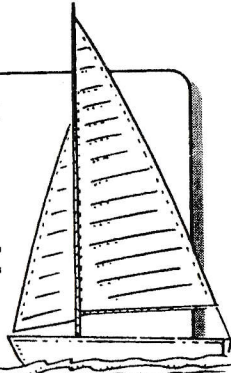
Vacation Bible School the first week, always a rejuvenating, fun week. We hope to see you in worship.

And many thanks to all of you who have been so faithful in your gifts of time and treasure. May the remaining weeks of your summer be filled with blessings and refreshment as we look to the fall.

In the Spirit's love,
Pastor Paul

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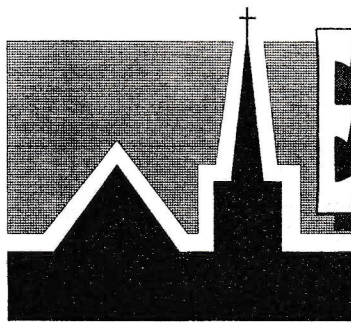
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- ☼ Seniors Seek Host/esses
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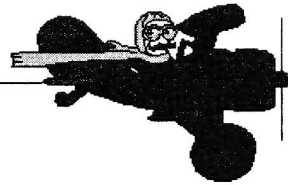
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Register for Sunday School at Open House September 13

Fly With The Lord



by Caren Lamberton

Join Emmaus in our Annual Rally Day Sunday School Open House. We would like to invite all families to share in our open house activities.

Please join us at 9:15 a.m. on September 13 for Sunday School registration. We would like each parent to meet your child's teacher and complete registration forms. Following registration, we will be having a special celebration to kick off the beginning of our Sunday School year. We would

like to invite all family members to meet in the Fellowship Hall after registration for arts and crafts, a social hour and refreshments.

Fall Worship Schedule Returns September 13

Sunday Worship at 8:00 &
10:30 am (Saturday at 5:00 pm)
Education hour at 9:15 am

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

August 9, 1998
Jessica Lynn Hall

Jessica Hall was born last November 8 to Doug and Dori Hall of Seattle, Washington; her great-grandparents are Wally and Marcie Runge. Her sponsors are Sherri and Charles Bartusz.

August 30, 1998
Audra Rose Waddell

Audra Rose Waddell is the daughter of Laurie and Don Waddell and the granddaughter of Ralph and Audrey Rasmussen. Her sponsors are Jennifer Stedman and Eric Rasmussen.

Funerals:

July 31, 1998
Gilbert Toslek, Sr.

Gilbert Toslek passed away July 28 at the age of 81 after a brief bout with cancer. Gilbert joined the Emmaus family through adult affirmation of faith in 1958. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; their son, Gilbert Jr.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

August 7, 1998
Ethel Schooley Petersen

Ethel Petersen passed away August 4. She retired from In Sink Erator in 1986. She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters Kim Simonsen, Jo Ann Petersen and Roberta Petersen, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Expressions of Sympathy

We extend our condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of Donna Rangel's father-in-law, Tony Rangel, Sr., who passed

away on August 16.

We extend our sympathy also to Harley Slater, on the passing of his mother.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Gilbert W. Toslek, Sr.: \$320.00 (as of 8/17/98)
In memory of Ethel Schooley Petersen: \$323.88 (as of 8/19/98)

Building fund:

In memory of Gilbert W. Toslek, Sr.: \$10.00 (as of 8/5/98)



Register 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 1 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.

8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Classes Return to Wednesdays

Confirmation Classes for 8th and 9th graders will meet for eight sessions beginning Wednesday, September 23, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Eighth graders and their parents are asked urged to attend an orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, to learn what to expect from the confirmation program.

This year's topic is "New Testament Stories." Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul will share the teaching responsibilities. Last year's experiment in moving confirmation classes to Sunday mornings has been



discontinued so that the pastors can concentrate more fully on the needs of the class.

8th and 9th graders are reminded of the confirmation requirement of ten sermon reports and fifteen service points per year. Sermon report forms may be picked up from the top mail slot next to Pastor Paul's office.

10th Graders to Meet with Mentors September 9

Eleven tenth graders at Emmaus begin their final steps toward their confirmation as full members of Emmaus this fall, assisted by one adult mentor for each. The confirmands-to-be will meet their mentors at an orientation meeting at Emmaus at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 9.

They will meet one-on-one with their mentors several times between then and their confirmation at the 10:30 worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 25. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact pastor Paul as soon as possible.

Antique Books Donated to Emmaus

Dorothy Lutz of Racine has donated an antique Danish illustrated Bible to Emmaus Lutheran Church. The Bible, published in Rockford, Illinois with an 1889 copyright date, is bound in wooden covers and measures 10" wide by 12¾" tall by 5" thick (over 1,200 pages). It was originally presented to Mrs. Lutz' grandfather, Niels Jörgen Hansen. There are dozens of pages of illustrations, calligraphy, and maps at the beginning of the book, and frames for family portraits in the back.

Mr. Hansen was born in Fyn, Denmark, in 1868, and married to Ane Christiansen, also from Fyn, at Emmaus on November 16, 1890. The

Hansens continued as members of Emmaus throughout their lives; Ane passed away in 1945, and Niels died in 1956, survived at the time by their two children, Arthur and Alma.

Emmaus member Fern Clark has donated three books that were originally given to Julia Abrahamson by the Emmaus Sunday School around 1900. They include two miniatures: a Danish Psalmbook and an English-language daily devotional book, either of which is small enough to fit in the palm of one's hand. The other is a biography in Danish of Martin Luther by A. Listov.

Julia Abrahamson was baptized at Emmaus in 1888.

Photos Sought for Directory

by Ellen Nuechterlein

Shutterbugs: Please gather photos of activities at Emmaus over the past year or so. We will be working on the new directory layout soon!

Also—we hope to dedicate one page to looking ahead to our sesquicentennial in 2001, so we're

looking for vintage photos, too. All photos may be put in the Congregational Life box in front of the church office by September 15, or you may give them to Ellen Nuechterlein. If you would like your photos or negatives returned, please be sure to include a note describing the pictures so that we can get them back to the right person.

Emmaus Deaths in 1896 Were Younger Members

While attaining old age was not unheard of a century ago, it was by no means guaranteed, and infant mortality was significantly higher than it is today. During the year 1896, a

total of twenty funerals were held at Emmaus. Fourteen were for children aged 6 years or younger. The remaining six funerals were for adults aged 22, 32, 48, 30, 38, and 23.

Classes for Newer/Prospective Members to Be Offered

Do you have a neighbor or a friend who is looking for a church home? Invite them to worship with you on Rally Day, September 13, or any other weekend, and introduce them to Emmaus. Remember, personal invitations and word of mouth are the biggest reasons that unchurched people become connected to a faith community.



Beginning in October, a series of informational sessions will be offered for all those who are interested in membership, those who would like to know more about Emmaus and the Lutheran faith, and those who have recently transferred their membership.

Contact the church office or one of the pastors for further information.

Emmaus Kringles Complete 1998 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 Tom Rudey for his

efforts to organize and lead the team. As the old adage says, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's where you go for pizza after the game."

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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PAUL J. NUECHTERLEIN 1909 Summit Avenue 637-0671

Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson

Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet

Sunday School Superintendents: Pat Liesch & Pat LeRoux-Sodke

Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz

Organist: Joyce Kaiser

Secretary: Paul Berge

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Summer worship schedule ends Labor Day weekend with services Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:15 a.m. The Fall worship schedule begins the weekend of September 12-13: Saturday services continue at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday worship services are offered at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Adult Forum meeting between services at 9:15.

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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Rummage/Bake Sale Set for September 19

The Emmaus Rummage and Bake sale will be September 19. We probably all have items we no longer use and have put on a shelf in a closet or in the basement for "just in case." Those same items may be just what somebody else is looking for.

Now is the time to clear those shelves. Listed below is the schedule for times and places to bring those items:

1. Before each of the services on Sunday, Sept. 13, some of our youth will be at the doors to take the items to the children's library.
2. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14 & 15, take the items to the children's library between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
3. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 16 & 17, take the items to

Nursery Assistants Sought

Do you know our youngest members of Emmaus? Are you willing to support them and their parents for an hour or two once every two to three months?

Caring, responsible adults willing to take an occasional turn at child care during the 10:30 worship service should contact the church office or Caren Lamberton (639-1712). Caren can schedule you as one of the

Yes! I'm willing to assist in the nursery.

Name _____ Phone _____

Best time/s to call me are _____

Fellowship Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

We cannot accept adult clothing for the sale, but children's clothing is welcome. Men's jackets, flannel shirts, and thermal underwear, however, will be accepted to be used for the REST homeless shelter program.

The proceeds from the rummage sale will be used for the 2001 Fund and toward the purchase of a changing table for a main floor rest room. (Lutheran Brotherhood matching funds will cover some of the cost of the changing table.) The bake sale proceeds will go to WELCA for missions.

Rummage may be brought to the church starting September 13. For more information, call Pat Liesch at 835-1363, Anne Felton at 639-3011, or Betty Barth 639-7894.

caregivers, based on dates that would work best for you.

We hope to hear from singles, young adults, and grandparents, too! Supporting our nursery is an important part of our ministry at Emmaus.

Nursery service will be available to families of infant through pre-school aged children during the 10:30 Sunday morning worship service.

Second Wednesday Supper Event Slated

Join us for supper every second Wednesday! Come! Bring friends!

Bring the family! 5:30-6:15 p.m.
\$3.00 adults; \$1.00 for children.

Adopt a Spot Program Begins

by Ellen Nuechterlein

"Many Hands Make Light the Work..." ...as always evidenced on Spring Clean-Up Day at Emmaus! The church grounds get a great head start. But do you ever wonder who does the tending of the flower beds, trimming of the hedges, weed control and general sprucing up throughout the rest of the spring, summer and fall? Up until now it has been a small handful of faithful folks...and we'd like to get them some help!!

Do you enjoy working on God's canvas (the earth) with vivid colors (flowers) in the Creator's Cathedral (under the sun and sky)? Then have we got the job for you!! The areas around church which need tending have been divided into ten specific spots. So grab a friend, grab the kids, grab some garden tools and ADOPT-A-SPOT! The work would entail the following, as needed, from spring through a final fall raking: weeding, trimming, planting, and watering. If you'd like to donate annuals or perennials to your Spot, that would be great!! (Any major changes, such as shrub removal, need approval by the property committee).

A small diagram of the areas is posted on the bulletin board along

with a sign-up sheet - come early and get the Spot you want!! (Get a head start this fall - go wild and plant bulbs!!)

In addition to the ten Adopt-A-Spot positions, a person or persons are needed to check the flowers throughout the summer and pinch off old blooms occasionally. And if those options aren't for you, donations of bulbs, annuals or perennials would be put to great use!!

And a bouquet of thanks to our Garden Angels this summer: Al Beck, Cheryl Dexter, Joy Halberstadt, Bill Irvine, Pat Jensen, Marie Anderson, Harley Slater, Nancy and Art Smith, Ellen Nuechterlein, and other angels unaware!

If anyone is in the process of thinning out perennials and would like to donate them for planting in the parsonage yard, they would be graciously accepted!!

News of Our Members

Lamberton Named Senior Buyer

Chris Lamberton has been named senior buyer for Danfoss Fluid Power's Racine plant.



North Cape to Host Women's Cluster Brunch

North Cape Lutheran Church, on the east side of Highway 45 about a half mile north of Highway K, will host the Racine Cluster WELCA Fall Brunch on Saturday, October 3. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.; the program runs from 9:00 to noon.

This year's program is entitled "Time of Sharing Ideas." The cost is \$4.00. Emmaus needs to call our reservation count by September 28, so please contact your circle leader today.

Rummage Sale Help

Please sign up in the narthex for a time slot when you can help with our rummage and bake sale. Help is needed sorting and pricing items September 13-17 as well as during the sale itself Saturday, September 19. See the article on page six or contact Pat Liesch (835-1363), Anne Felton (639-3011) or Betty Barth (639-7894).



Circle 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 are moving their meetings to 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (contact Karen Sedgwick, 681-3188).

Members of Miriam Circle: please note that this month's meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10 at Amy Larsen's new home, 84 E. Parkfield Court, not at Jan Sukus' as would be usual.

Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations to Ruth Hlavka, who has accepted a position on the board of the Racine Mission Cluster Women of the ELCA. And thank you to Marsha Connet for writing a skit to publicize the WELCA church-wide convention in St. Louis next July 8-11.

Letters

Thank You For Your Prayers

Dear friends,

The Toslek family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and support during our time of need.

God bless you all.

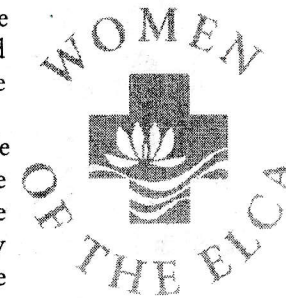
—Joyce Toslek

Bishop's Wife to Discuss Images of Christ

The Greater Milwaukee WELCA Convention will be held at the Archbishop Cousins Center in Milwaukee October 16-17. We would like to see a good attendance from Emmaus.

Jutta Anderson, wife of ELCA Bishop H. George Anderson, will be the keynote speaker on Friday evening, discussing the images of Christ in different cultures. Other speakers include Dr. Gwen Saylor, on her upcoming *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible study

of Revelation; and WELCA President Sharroll Bernahl.



Workshop presenters include Rev. Mary Vance-Welsh, on liturgical dance; Cordelia Taylor, on the work of Family House; Malle Parn, on rebuilding Estonia; Miram Larsen and Darrell Smith of Lutheran Volunteer Corps; and Sister Phyllis

Enck. More information is in the September issue of WELCA's newsletter, *The Gleanings*.

REST Program Begins Fifth Year

by Jim Palmer

The new season for the REST Program is fast approaching. With this in mind, it is time to start thinking of volunteering your time to help those who are less fortunate. Please give this program your prayerful consideration.

By Labor Day weekend, I will have a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. Please sign up to give of your time to help those in need.

This year, our first night here at Emmaus will be Friday, October 2. We will also have a training session on Friday, September 25. The time will be announced in the

church bulletin when we get closer.

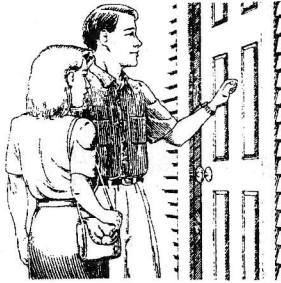
Some things that the REST Program will need as the cold weather approaches will be gloves, knit hats and warm clothing such as sweatshirts and coats. Other items of need are toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks and underwear. If you can help with any of these items, please bring them to church and mark on the bag that they are for REST.



If you have any question about the program, please contact Jim Palmer at 681-2363, or Pat Liesch at 835-1363.

Cottage Meetings Offer Opportunity for Input

Volunteers are needed now to host Cottage Meetings in October, 1998. Please consider prayerfully hosting a meeting in your home. You would not need to lead the meeting (council members will take that role); hosts will provide a meeting place and a beverage for 8-12 people.



important to the continued effectiveness of Emmaus.

If you cannot host a meeting, please volunteer to help in any of the other ways listed on the response slip below. But at the very least, be sure to sign up to attend one of the meetings when sign-up

The purpose of these meetings is to keep the lines of communication open between those in the leadership of the church and the membership at large. Your ideas on how to improve our current ministries are very

sheets are posted in the narthex or when a member of the council telephones to invite you to a meeting.

As the saying goes, the CHURCH is not the CHURCH without U in it.

Yes, I can help with cottage meetings this October by:

- Hosting a cottage meeting of eight to twelve people in my home (and providing beverage)
- Hosting a meeting at church (set up beverage & clean up)
- Providing bakery for a cottage meeting
- Acting as recorder at a cottage meeting, taking notes/minutes
- Being a phone caller to invite members to cottage meetings (in late September)

Name _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Please Respond by September 6... Thank You!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Sept. 5 5:00 pm		Brian & Denise Keller		
Sept. 6 9:15 am		Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Cindi Larsen
Sept. 13 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi	Ruth Estep	Team #3 Harold Miller	Al Svendsen
Sept. 13 10:30 am	Austin Schultz Seth Yust		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Jerry Hierseman
Sept. 19 5:00 pm		Pat Jensen Evelyn Larsen		
Sept. 20 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton	Linda Meteyard Helen Mickelson	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Sandy Strini
Sept. 20 10:30 am	Ellie Reischl Luke Reischl	Mildred Schroth Marge Jensen	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Ginny Dougall
Sept. 27 8:00 am	Josie Hermann	Bev Hansen	Team #7 John Cook	Marie Andersen
Sept. 26 10:30 pm	Rachel Sommer Valerie Yorgan		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Audrey Rasmussen
Oct. 3 5:00 pm		TBA		
Oct. 4 8:00 am	TBA	TBA	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Lyle Christensen
Oct. 4 10:30 am	TBA	TBA	Team #2 Bob Christensen	Kathy Christensen



	ALTAR FLOWERS	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	CANDLES
Sept. 6	Lee & Betty Woodward	TBA	Ev Larsen
Sept. 13	Jim Palmer; B&N Roosa	Please	(through
Sept. 20	Lee & Betty Woodward	sign	Sept.)
Sept. 27	L&M Zielke; Doris Jensen	up!	
Oct. 4	Marie Andersen	TBA	Ruth Estep

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Name: _____

Home phone: _____

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Address: _____

Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$10		
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$20, \$10		
Clothing & department stores (see also Shoes)				
Kohl's Department Store	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
ShopKo	4%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney	6%	\$250, \$100, \$25, \$10, debit card		
Sears (not for charge acct/balance)	4%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	19%	\$10		
The Gap	9%	\$10, \$20		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Lillian Vernon	14%	\$20		
Limited	9%	\$10		
Pier One Imports	9%	\$25, \$10		
Spiegel	9%	\$25		
Victoria's Secret	14%	\$10, \$25		
The Disney Store	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	18%	\$10		
August Max Woman	19%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	10%	\$25, \$10		
Old Navy	9%	\$10, \$25		
Sporting goods stores				
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	9%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Walden Books	8%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25, \$10		
Stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				
Best Buy	2%	\$50		
Circuit City	3%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		

Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	10%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys ʘ Us	3%	\$10, \$5		
Shoe stores				
Footlocker	9%	\$25, \$10		
Payless Shoes	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10		
Pier One	9%	\$25, \$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	18%	\$50		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$5		
Shell Oil	2%	\$50, \$20, \$10		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Marijott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns)	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	13%	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebee's	9%	\$10		
Bob Evans	9%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's	9%	\$10		
Chili's	13%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$5		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Perkins	9%	\$5		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Ponderosa	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	14%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$5		
			TOTAL	\$

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. 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. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center

Opens Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. with coffee; programs begin at 10:30. Activities run to 3:00.

PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER:

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| Sept. 1 | 10:00 am | Coffee & fellowship |
| | 10:30 am | Lois Aceto: Settling Disputes |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 pm | Games |
| Sept. 8 | 10:00 am | Coffee & fellowship |
| | 10:30 am | Bill Proeber: Magic Accordion |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 pm | Games |
| Sept. 15 | 10:00 am | Coffee & fellowship |
| | 10:30 am | Al Beck: On the Road Again |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 pm | Games |
| Sept. 22 | 10:00 am | Coffee & fellowship |
| | 10:30 am | Video |
| | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| | 1:00 pm | Games |
| Sept. 29 | 11:00 am | Lunch at River Run,
3616 Northwestern Blvd. |
| | ~ 1:00 pm | Games at church |



September Birthdays — 70 Years and Better

Sept. 1	Robert Christensen	221 William Street	53402
Sept. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1521 Summit Avenue	53404
Sept. 5	Marian Bower	3920 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Sept. 5	Mary Schultz	222 88th Avenue, Sturtevant	53177
Sept. 9	Meta Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 10	Catherine Miller	2704 James Boulevard	53403
Sept. 11	Howard Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Sept. 15	Dorothy Bagley	2056 Wustum Avenue	53404
Sept. 19	Lucille Dudek	3900 N. Main Street #215	53402
Sept. 27	Ella Nielsen	3321 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 30	Vic Johnson	3325 N. Newman Road	53406

Emmaus Friends and Members Adopt Sundays in August

We thank the following members and friends of Emmaus who have adopted Sundays in August to honor and memorialize friends and loved ones:

Marie Andersen, in memory of James Andersen;

Nancy, Art, Abby, Jonathan & Joshua Smith, in honor of Pastor Mary;

Lydia Jensen, in memory of Dean Jensen and in honor of Mike Schaefer;

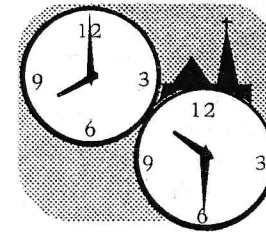
and Celia Weber, in memory of Lyle Weber.

Adopt-a-Sunday has been a part of Emmaus' debt retirement program since 1992. Adopt-a-Sunday monies go toward paying our regular monthly mortgage payments.

Holy Communion Will Be Offered Every Sunday at Early Service

Fall worship schedule begins the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13. Sunday worship returns to 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday and Adult Forum meeting between services at 9:15. Saturday worship services continue in the Sunset Room at 5:00 p.m.

Beginning September 13, the sacrament of Holy Communion will



be offered every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, there will be continuous communion. On the first and third Sundays communion will be served as communicants

kneel at the altar.

There will also be a stronger emphasis on traditional hymns at the early worship service on non-Chicago Folk service Sundays.

Northside Food Pantry Report as of July 31, 1998

by Mary Haas, Pantry Coordinator

Number of people served: 292
 Money received: \$0.00
 Money spent: \$504.99
 Checkbook balance: \$1,128.33

If some of you are wondering why there were no money donations reported for July, I was on vacation, so no deposits were made. It will be reflected in the August report.

Summer Slump Fails to Materialize

by Cathy Knuteson, Council President

On Sunday, May 17, 1998, the council of Emmaus Lutheran Church held a mid-year congregational meeting to discuss the projected annual financial short-fall of almost \$10,000. As you may remember, at the January congregational meeting, we presented a budget that included an income source that was uncertain. We had hoped that through sharing pastoral services with another congregation and having fundraisers, we could meet our proposed annual budget of \$228,028.00.

Despite the constant efforts of both the pastors and representatives of the synod, the outside income source has not happened. These efforts will continue, but at this time the potential of receiving this source of income is not very high.

For the most part, people have kept up with their pledges and some are ahead. Given the historic summer pattern of decreased income and the current significant negative balance, we brought the financial challenge to you, the congregation, at a mid-year meeting as was planned in the January meeting.

About sixty people participated in this meeting and we are grateful for their attendance and suggestions. Ken

Pechman, co-chair of the 2001 Fund, the debt retirement fund, explained that the 2001 Fund money are donated above and beyond money that is pledged to the general fund. We will not use the 2001 Fund to meet our other financial obligations, nor are we taking from pledges to reduce our mortgage debt. This is a separate

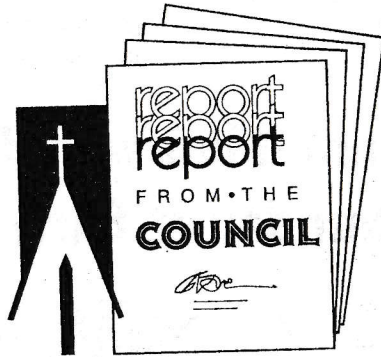
account and already has significantly reduced both the principal and our monthly mortgage by making it possible for us to refinance to a lower interest rate last February.

Once the financial picture was clarified for those present, people were

asked to give suggestions, guidance, and other responses to guide the council. Some made suggestions related to increasing church membership and attendance at services. Others made suggestions related to increasing our income, such as adopting a Sunday in memory of a loved one or holding fundraisers such as car washes. With an uplifting, spirited voice, Esther Jensen reminded us of our up-coming sesquicentennial (150th) in the year 2001.

The applause that followed her remarks was a strong indicator of the positive "can-do" attitude that people felt at the end of the meeting. One

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Report from the Council *continued*

family went home, collected all the loose change in the house, and donated the more than \$200.00 found to Adopt-a-Sunday. We know others went home thinking of ways they can help also.

Now we are at the end of our summer season and we have good news to report! The anticipated "summer slump" never materialized. Instead, we were blessed with abundance. Attendance is up significantly over last summer, and

financial contributions have met our weekly needs. We gratefully find ourselves in a more secure financial situation, thanks to all of you. Freed from money woes, we have been eagerly planning for the future. Look forward to a spirit-lifting autumn and winter.

Let us know what you're thinking! Our next council meeting is on September 14 at 6:30 p.m., and you are welcome to attend. As your council, we are your representatives but we need to know what you are thinking.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, August:	1996: 150	1997: 140	1998: 148*
Average weekly attendance, Sept.:	1996: 184	1997: 200	

*as of August 23, 1998

Financial Figures

Genl. Fund/Misc. offerings received in July ..	\$15,072.27	YTD 118,018.05
Bldg. Fund offerings received in July	<u>\$533.00</u>	YTD <u>\$5,483.00</u>
Unified budget receipts for July	\$15,605.27	YTD \$123,601.05
2001 Fund offerings in July	\$2,723.00	CAMPAIGN TOTAL \$45,090.94
8/1 mortgage payment:		
Principal	\$474.94	
Interest	\$1,015.06	
<u>Additional principal ..</u>	<u>\$3,219.68</u>	
Total	\$4,709.68	
Principal balance as of July 10, 1998	\$165,625.32	



AAL Matches Fund Raising Proceeds

Thanks to AAL Branch #4157 matching funds, \$800.00 earned in fundraising for Emmaus has been doubled. Checks for \$400 from the proceeds of pizza sales and \$400 from the proceeds of SCRIP have been

submitted to AAL, which in turn gave us a check for \$1,600! The total profit from pizza sales was \$416.00 and the year-to-date total for SCRIP exceeds \$750.00. Thank you to all who have helped support these fund raisers!

You Can Make LWR School and Health Kits

Our annual collection for Lutheran World Relief takes place through the month of September. The train is coming October 10 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.

School Kits

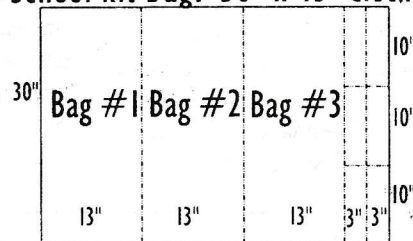
School kits are a way to tell children whose lives have been disrupted by war or natural disaster that someone far away cares about them. Adults in literacy classes also appreciate the supplies needed to learn reading and writing.

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.
- ▶ 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.

School Kit Bag: 30" x 45" cloth



Sew slim panels into tubes. Cut into 3 pieces for 6 panels

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.

Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 3 Rebecca Gottfredsen, 15
- Sept. 3 Nicole Larsen, 14
- Sept. 3 Kyle Jensen, 4
- Sept. 7 Nate Pearson, 15
- Sept. 8 Chris Friis, 15
- Sept. 8 Ashley Konsinowski, 12
- Sept. 8 Nicholas Estep, 11
- Sept. 9 Nicole Maryland, 13
- Sept. 9 Andrew Reischl, 11
- Sept. 9 Kelli Zeleski, 1
- Sept. 10 Brian Liesch, 7
- Sept. 14 Brittany Lasko, 2
- Sept. 16 Jason Meteyard, 18
- Sept. 17 Jon Oestreich, 7
- Sept. 17 Rachel Van Berg, 10

Calling all 3rd Graders and older!

Come, have fun and sing with the

Sonrise Singers!

Wednesday practices 6:00-6:45 p.m.;
first rehearsal Wednesday, September 9

Questions? Call Pastor Mary or director
Karla Bielewicz (657-0173)

Sept. 22 Valerie Yorgan, 13

Sept. 23 Lucas Steffensen, 10

34 Kids Have Fun at 1998 VBS

Thirty-four children from pre-school to fifth grade had fun and fellowship at Emmaus Vacation Bible School the week of August 3-7. The kids enjoyed outdoor activities and indoor activities such as arts and crafts, Bible study, and games. Daisy the Clown made a special appearance on Friday morning, and later that day, the kids put together a program for their families.

We want to thank Cathy Meyer and Mark Frankowski for hosting our Lutherdale VBS counselors at their home. Thanks also to Karen, Jennifer, Melanie and Laura Olson, for leading the pre-school VBS program; to Jonathan Pechman and Ellen Eschmann for being our all-round helpers; and also to Ellen Nuechterlein, Nancy Smith, and Pastor Mary for their assistance. We

could not have a successful VBS program without the support of parents, grandparents and all who volunteered time, food and money!

Moms' Night Out to Meet

Moms of babies and toddlers have special needs. Mothers of young children often feel pulled in many directions with little time for themselves. This group will meet monthly to provide encouragement, support and friendship. Our first meeting will be held in the Sunset Room on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Come join other mothers for a time to nurture yourself. Light refreshments will be provided. Carol Eschmann will facilitate this group. You may phone her at 835-2372 with any questions.

Diabetes Can Be Controlled

by Carol Eschmann

The Wisconsin Division of Health states that there are about 315,000 people with diabetes in Wisconsin. In the United States, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death. It is estimated that about half the people with diabetes do not know they have it and are not under care for the disorder.



Diabetes describes either a deficiency of insulin or a decreased ability of the body to use insulin, a hormone secreted by the pancreas that allows glucose (the main source of fuel for the body) to move from our blood into our cells. As a result, glucose builds up in the blood and cannot be used for energy. Diabetes is managed by careful control of blood glucose (sugar), thorough blood testing, regular physical activity, meal planning and regular medical care. In 1992, nearly \$92 billion was spent in direct and indirect costs related to diabetes.

Diabetes is a major risk factor for increased death and disease due to flu. Persons with diabetes are about three times more likely than people without diabetes to die with flu- and pneumonia-related complications. Flu shots are the most effective measure to avoid hospitalization during flu outbreaks.

Diabetes is often related to other health problems. Individuals

with diabetes are at increased risk for heart disease, blindness, kidney failure, and lower extremity amputations (more than half of all such amputations are due not to accidents, but to diabetes). Heart disease and stroke are two to four times higher among persons with diabetes. Diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults 20-74 years of age. It is the leading cause of serious kidney disease.

Warning Signs

Some people have a higher risk for developing diabetes. They include obese (overweight) persons, elderly persons, and individuals with a family history of diabetes. Warning signs include weight loss, increased hunger, increased thirst, fatigue, and/or frequent urination.

Diabetes is a disorder that can be controlled with careful management. It is important to maintain good control so that complications can be prevented. Your doctor is the best resource if you have questions, but I am available to assist you in understanding your condition or your treatment plan.

Blood Pressure Checks

I will be available in Pastor Paul's office after worship on Sunday, September 6 for blood pressure checks.

Greater Milwaukee Synod Responds to Area Floods

Floods have hit hard in several counties of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. The synod office is currently in touch with Lutheran Disaster Response, and is also working to coordinate relief efforts with Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), Lutheran Brotherhood (LB), and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS).

Funds will be routed through the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response once details have been arranged. In the meantime, keep in your prayers those who have suffered great loss and hardship, both physical



and emotional, as a result of the floods.

Elsewhere In Our Area

Our Savior's Throws Kitchen Shower

The Congregational Life Committee of Our Savior's Lutheran Church invites you to a Kitchen Shower Brunch on September 19 at 10:00 a.m. Monetary shower gifts will be used to refurbish the kitchen to continue Our Savior's ability to host

the Community Meal on Sunday evenings; gifts will be matched by Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8013.

RSVP by Monday, September 14. Call the Our Savior's church office at 633-2243, or Barb Dehne at 554-2061.

Lincoln Lutheran Offers Positions

Lincoln Lutheran of Racine has full and part time positions available, especially for nursing assistants and dietary aides. They also have a paid nurse aide training program that enables a person with little or no experience to be trained and to earn \$7.50 or more per hour as soon as s/he

has been certified. Certification generally takes eight weeks.

Interested persons should contact the Human Resource office at 2000 Domanik Drive, or call Pat Gissel at 633-0500, ext. 130.

More News from Our Area on next page

Church to Host Hearing on ELCA Social Statement

Where will the ELCA stand on issues of economic life? Milwaukee's Redeemer Lutheran Church, 19th Street at Wisconsin Avenue, will host a hearing on the first draft of the ELCA's proposed social statement, "Toward a Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All," Saturday morning, September 26.

ELCA members from all different economic perspectives are urged to come together at this hearing

Sculpture to Be Dedicated at Lincoln Lutheran Care Center

Lincoln Lutheran Care Center, 1600 Ohio Street, will have a dedication of a Good Shepherd wood sculpture on Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m. The sculpture was created

to share their comments and suggestions with the task force which will develop the proposed social statement for action at the 1999 Churchwide Assembly.

The hearing will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Janice Camus at the Greater Milwaukee Synod office, 1212 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, 53215, or phone 671-1212.

by local artist Tom Hunt. Everyone is invited to stop by to add their prayers. Friends and relatives of LLCC residents in particular are invited to come share the experience.

Third World Handcrafts Shoppe Expands

The Third World Handcrafts Shoppe at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, has moved to the church's former chapel, next to the main sanctuary. This doubles the shoppe's size, and is best approached from Capitol Drive rather than 54th Street.

Third World Handcrafts Shoppe is open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. October 1 to

December 23, hours expand to 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 9:30 a.m.-noon on Sunday.



Called to Be Disciples

Maybe it's the former school teacher in me, followed by the many years of working in the student travel business that has me convinced that a new year is about to begin. That's not true on the January to December calendars, nor on the Advent to Christ the King Sunday calendars (marking the beginning and ending of the church year), but it is true on the school calendar.

As I begin this "new year," I keep thinking of the statement, "You are what you eat." And, as is typical of so many folks, I've resolved to make some changes.

The word that keeps coming to mind is "discipline." If I'm going to have healthier eating habits, it's going to take discipline. It will also help to have the support and encouragement of those around me. So, I took the big step and made a commitment. I've signed up with a program, and I've made the commitment to go once a week. But the real test of discipline will be all the days between the meetings and weigh-ins!

Balanced, healthy diets and good nourishment is what God intended for us so that our bodies might function their best. It's an important part of stewardship and use of gifts that I have been ignoring. It's now amazing to me that when I make new choices to avoid so much high-fat

junk food, I'm not even hungry! In fact, so far, the new regimen has been *very* satisfying.

Just as our bodies have been created by a loving God who wants the very best for them, so have our minds and spirits. And, as this "new year" begins, each of us faces the challenge of nourishing our minds and spirits as well as our bodies. Regular prayer, daily devotional time and worshipping together weekly all provide the nourishment we need to be truly healthy. "Skipping a meal" in the spiritual sense throws us off balance. It takes discipline to plan for regular times to be fed and nourished spiritually, just as it does physically. "Discipline" comes from the same root word as "disciple," and connected with those words we often think of commitment and focus.

This fall, we are all encouraged to make some healthy choices to be fed and nourished as true disciples of Christ. That takes discipline! We will need one another for encouragement and support as we grow in our discipleship.

As we begin a seven-week series on discipleship on September 27, there will be a weekly time (9:20 a.m.) about what the key to discipleship is. As you hear more about this added emphasis on discipleship this fall, I

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Pastor Mary's Column
continued

encourage you to consider a *regular* commitment of your time to come to be nourished, fed and renewed.

Come...to be fed by the Word, the music and the faith stories of your sisters and brothers in Christ. Come...be fed by the Gospel message and the meal of Christ's body and blood. And then go...go out and be disciples the other six days of each week!

Pastor Mary

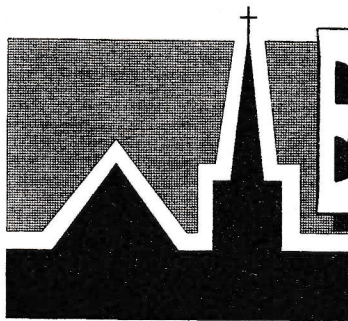


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- * Register Kids for First Communion
- * Sonrise Singers Resume
- * Confirmation Programs Continue
- * Rummage Sale Sept. 19
- * Adopt-a-Spot Program
- * Cottage Meetings
- * Antique Books Donated

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10th Graders to Be Confirmed October 25

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, October 25.

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:

Brad Falaschi

Josie Hermann

Ken Larsen

Matt Liesch

Jill Lynch

Kevin Meteyard

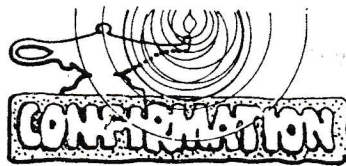
Jenny Olson

Ellie Reischl

Lynda Ustymowicz

Seth Yust

Our thanks to Chris and Karen Olson, Jeff Clinton, Chris Lamberton, Sandy Strini, Carol Yust, Cathy Meyer, David Christensen, Andy Hetchler and Judy Yorgan for serving as mentors to this year's group of confirmands!



PASTORAL ACTS



Funerals:

Sept. 2, 1998

Ella Nelson Paeth

Sept. 23, 1998

Ella Scheel Reckhow

Ella Marie Paeth passed away August 29. Her survivors include her daughter, Alice Burman, a former Emmaus member.

Ella Amalie Reckhow passed away on September 12. Ella was a lifelong member of Emmaus.

Thanks to All for Contributing to Daylight Savings Drive

The Cunctation Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in this spring and summer's Daylight Savings Campaign. Since April 5, Emmaus members have generously donated time from their Daylight Savings, and the committee is pleased to announce that we have used these contributions to purchase an hour of time Sunday morning,

October 25.

Our hour is scheduled to be added to everybody's clocks between 1:59 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. The best part about buying an hour in the wee hours of the morning like this is that everybody gets to sleep in an extra hour before church October 25, and nobody will have to fall asleep during the service.

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 Superintendents: Pat Liesch & Pat LeRoux Sodke

Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge

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.

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Lutheran World Relief Calls for School & Health Kits

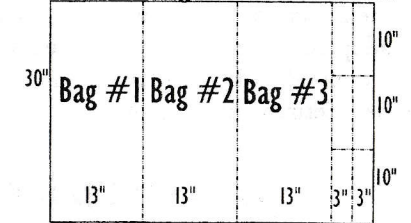
The train is coming on October 10 to load the Racine area donations of school and health kits, blankets and quilts, sewing kits and men's and children's clothing. Millions of people overseas continue to have need for aid and assistance. Boxes for donated items are located in the narthex. \$5.00 will purchase a blanket and can be donated through the church office.

Please bring your contributions for Lutheran World Relief to church by Wednesday, October 7.

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.

School Kit Bag: 30" x 45" cloth



Sew slim panels into tubes. Cut into 3 pieces for 6 panels

- ▶ One eraser approx. 2½" long.
- ▶ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors.
- ▶ One box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons.
- ▶ One cloth bag approx. 12"x14" with cloth handles (see illustration for suggested design). Place all the items in the bag and fold the handles over.

REST Begins Sixth Year of Help to Homeless

by Jim Palmer

With the R.E.S.T. (Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce) season upon us again, it is good to look at the many blessings that God has given us. Please think of his and volunteer your time to help those in need.

The R.E.S.T. program is starting its sixth year here at Emmaus Lutheran Church. We have come a long way from that humble beginning. Yet, the need is even greater now. Please sign up to help, once a month or as often as you can.

Our confirmands can help and

earn service points at the same time. All you need to do is have one of your partners sign up to help with you. Or if you need service work for National Honor Society, you can do the same.



Emmaus and the other R.E.S.T. sites in Racine are collecting cash donations toward keeping the R.E.S.T. program running, buying supplies, and so forth. WalMart has promised to match these donations up to \$2,000. Look for the R.E.S.T. donations jar in the narthex at church on Saturdays and Sundays.

Thank You for Adopting Sundays

Our thanks to the following members of Emmaus who have adopted Sundays in September. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

James and Judy Yorgan, in honor of Valerie and Alyssa.

Gary and Julie Field, in celebration of their 25th anniversary.

Sign Up for Cottage Meetings

It's not too late to sign up for one of the cottage meetings this month. Simply consult the schedule below and call the church office to make a reservation. (You can press the "*" key to by-pass the answer machine message to leave your message.) Cottage meetings are by R.S.V.P. so that we don't overcrowd them.

Did someone ask, "What is a cottage meeting?" Thanks for asking! A cottage meeting is simply a small group get-together of members and friends of Emmaus. We talk and listen to one another so that we can stay in touch and stay together in our common ministry. In addition to the usual keeping in touch, this year's agenda will feature slides and discussion of potential outreach ministries (see article on Outreach grant elsewhere in this *Visitor*.)

Cottage Meetings Schedule

- Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. at church
- Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Gil & Barb Toslek's, 2711 Cardinal Drive
- Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Gary & Julie Field's, 5900 Greenleaf Blvd.

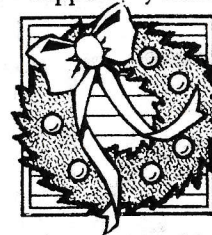
Fourth Graders to Receive Bibles

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 fourth graders are invited to receive their Bibles at the 10:30 service on October 11.

K.F.C. Nuggets/B.I.C. Pen

Youth Sell Wreaths

Please help support youth programs at Emmaus by ordering your Christmas wreaths and garlands from youth in the narthex between Sunday services this month. (Order forms will also be available on the table across from the Sunset Room on Saturday evenings.) Wreaths can be picked up at church on November 29. See the box at right for prices.



- Oct. 22 Sarah Higgins, 2
- Oct. 24 Eric Larsen, 18
- Oct. 24 Kally Jansen, 10
- Oct. 26 Hailey Sommer, 9

Youth Birthdays

- Oct. 1 Danielle Tussler, 18
- Oct. 3 Alex Gueldenzopf, 14
- Oct. 4 Melanie Olson, 14
- Oct. 9 Nichelle Slawson, 12
- Oct. 13 Mike Liesch, 9
- Oct. 17 Aaron Smith, 5

Youth Wreath Sale

- 18" wreath \$11.25
- 25" wreath \$11.55
- 30" wreath \$13.40
- 36" wreath \$16.90
- 42" wreath \$22.25
- 48" wreath \$26.50
- 60" wreath \$43.50
- 72" wreath \$51.50
- Mixed balsam swag
- velvet bow \$10.70
- 15' garland rope \$12.25
- 25' garland rope \$15.45
- 50' garland rope \$25.65

Walk for the Hungry Sunday, Oct. 11

There is still time to participate in the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. Sponsor sheets are available ... 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, Emmaus



walkers raised \$1,035.00 to help Church World Service and local agencies.

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.

Council Reports Progress on Debt Retirement

At its August 10 meeting, your church council voted to approve a request from the church library to purchase three videos and corresponding workbooks dealing with racism.

Treasurer Amy Larsen reported that summer offerings have been exceptional, and our overall financial situation continues to improve. Significant progress has been made toward retirement of the debt.

\$3,219.68 received in June and July by the "2001—A Faith Odyssey" fund is to be sent to Lutheran Brotherhood to reduce the principal on the debt



beyond our regular mortgage payment.

Council members will act as facilitators for cottage meetings in the month of October. Pledge Sunday will be November 8; there will be one worship service that Sunday, at 9:15 a.m. A meal will be served after the worship service.

The council approved a request from the Youth Ministry committee that the Kids For Christ youth group be permitted to raise funds with a wreath sale again this year, and for the new YAC group to hold a calendar sale.

Emmaus Serves Community Meal October 1

It's Emmaus' turn to prepare and serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on October 1. On the first Thursday of every other month, Emmaus members prepare jello, cakes, and casseroles to feed needy men, women and children in Racine. The food prepared in August by Emmaus and St. Andrew's

Church served 120 people.

Since our turn comes so early this month, it may be too late to sign up to prepare food by the time you read this, but we can always use help in serving the meal. We meet at St. Patrick's, 1100 Erie Street, at 5:00 p.m. Contact Margaret Christensen at 681-0128 to help. Thank you!

Parish Nurse's Column

Self Examination Key to Timely Detection of Breast Cancer

by Carol Eschmann, R.N.

October has been designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer and the second leading cause of death in women. About 130,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. Breast cancer affects women of all ages and may also affect men. Breast cancer is most treatable when it is detected early.

The cause of breast cancer remains unknown. Risk factors include being age 50 or older, having a family history of breast cancer, obesity, and having a diet high in animal fat. The most important risk factor is a family history of breast cancer.

Breast Self Examination (BSE) helps detect signs of breast cancer. BSE includes inspection (looking) and palpation (feeling). All women past the age of 20 should practice BSE every month. It is a good idea to mark your calendar so that you don't forget. Information about how to perform BSE is available from your health care provider. Most women

who seek care for breast cancer have discovered a painless lump or thickened area in her breast. Other signs might be a thickening in the axilla (armpit), a change in breast size or shape, a discharge from the nipple, or a color or texture change in some area of the breast.

A mammogram can detect breast cancer up to five years before it is detectable through BSE. Every woman should have a mammogram by age 35. Women 40 to 49 should expect to have a mammogram every other year, more often if she is in a high-risk group. After age 40, the mammogram should be done yearly.

Emmaus has designated October 18 as Pink Ribbon Day. The pink ribbons are given to increase awareness of breast cancer. In addition to the pink ribbons, I will also have information about BSE and a breast model so that you can feel what a lump might feel like. If you have any concerns about BSE, mammograms or breast cancer, please call me at 835-2372.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Aug.:	1996: 150	1997: 140	1998: 162
Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.:	1996: 184	1997: 200	1998: 178
Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	1996: 219	1997: 189	

Financial Figures

		<u>Year to date</u>
General funds receipts in August	\$17,979.15	\$135,997.20
Bldg. Fund offerings received in August	\$ 906.00	\$ 6,389.00
Unified funds receipts in August	\$18,885.15	\$142,386.20
		<u>Campaign total</u>
2001 Fund offerings received in August	\$1,127.00	\$46,217.94
August mortgage payments	Principal	\$477.86
	Interest	\$1,012.14
	Total	\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of August 11, 1998		\$165,161.94

Jutta Anderson to Address Synod Women

The Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Convention October 16 and 17 at the Cousins Center. This year's speakers will be Jutta Anderson, wife of Bishop H. George Anderson; author Gwen Saylor, and national WELCA

President Sharroll Bernahl.

Remember to bring your school and health kits to church for the Lutheran World Relief fall drive by Wednesday, October 7. The boxcar will be in Sturtevant Saturday morning, October 10.

Moms' Night Out to Screen Video

New mothers, and mothers of toddlers are invited to join other mothers for a time to nurture yourselves. "Moms' Night Out" began meeting in September to provide encouragement, support and friendship, facilitated by our parish nurse, Carol Eschmann. Due to feedback from moms, we



will begin at 6:30 on the third Thursday of each month (October 15). This month's program will be the video, "Baby's First Years."

Light refreshments will be provided. Babies are welcome. Call

Carol at 835-2372 if you have any questions.

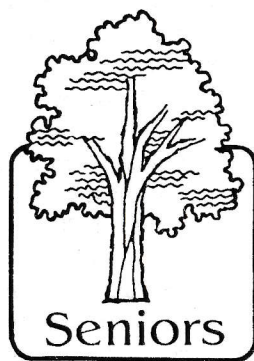
Senior Center Seeks Tuesday Hosts

by Carol Eschmann

Our Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is in need of a host or hostess who will be responsible for serving morning coffee, greeting members, introducing programs (the host/ess will not need to find or schedule programs), and assisting with serving lunch. The time frame is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

If anyone could do one Tuesday

per month (or on some other occasional basis), please contact Carol Eschmann at 835-2372. Thank you!



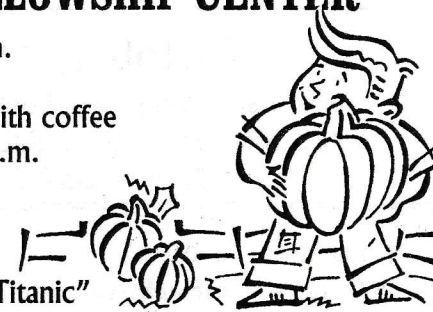
EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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:

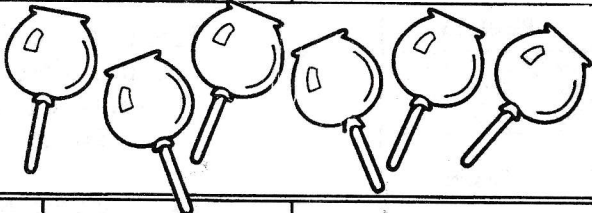

- Oct. 6: 10:30 a.m. - Finish "Titanic"
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Social Activities
- Oct. 13: 10:30 a.m. - TBA
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- Oct. 20: 10:30 a.m. - Racine Geriatric Center
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- Oct. 27: 10:30 a.m. - Carl & Betty Halberstadt: Chile Adventure
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Birthday Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Social activities

OCTOBER



October Birthdays - 70 Years and Better

Oct. 6	June Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Oct. 14	Ray Knapp	1236 Valley View Drive	53405
Oct. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 20	Mabel Melvin	4606 W. Johnson Avenue	53405
Oct. 23	Marion Andersen	3668 Erie Street	53402
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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
October, 1998 Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404 ☎ 414 634-5515					1 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church	2 7:00 pm REST	3 8:30 am WELCA Cluster Brunch, N. Cape 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.
4 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 2 w/Holy Communion 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 2 w/Holy Communion	5 TBA WELCA Bible Study 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	6 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cottage meeting at church 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Atonement	7 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Kathy Christensen's 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle in Sunset Room 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers 6:15 pm 8-9th Grade confirmation class 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice 7:00 pm Cottage mtg. at Tosleks'	8 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus' 7:00 pm Cottage mtg. at Fields'	9 7:00 pm REST	10 am LWR Boxcar loading, Sturtevant 5:00 pm Worship service	
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<i>Pastor Paul on vacation Oct. 9-12</i>						<i>Synod Women's Convention at Cousins Center</i>	
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25 Reformation Sunday 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer w/Holy Communion 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer; Rite of Confirmation	26 1:00 pm Cottage mtg. at Jan Sukus'	27 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cottage mtg. at church	28 St. Jude & St. Simon 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice 7:00 pm 8-9th Grade confirmation class	29 	30 7:00 pm REST	31 Reformation Day 5:00 pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion <i>Deadline for wreath orders</i>	
<i>Pastor Mary out of town Oct. 30-31</i>							

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

SCRIP Address: _____ Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$10		
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$20, \$10		
Clothing & department stores (see also Shoes)				
Kohl's Department Store	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
ShopKo	4%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney	6%	\$250, \$100, \$25, \$10, debit card		
Sears (not for charge acct/balance)	4%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	19%	\$10		
The Gap	9%	\$10, \$20		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Lillian Vernon	14%	\$20		
Limited	9%	\$10		
Pier One Imports	9%	\$25, \$10		
Spiegel	9%	\$25		
Victoria's Secret	14%	\$10, \$25		
The Disney Store	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	18%	\$10		
August Max Woman	19%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	10%	\$25, \$10		
Old Navy	9%	\$10, \$25		
Sporting goods stores				
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	9%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Walden Books	8%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25, \$10		
Stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				
Best Buy	2%	\$50		
Circuit City	3%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		

Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	10%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys R Us	3%	\$10, \$5		
Shoe stores				
Footlocker	9%	\$25, \$10		
Payless Shoes	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10		
Pier One	9%	\$25, \$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	18%	\$50		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$5		
Shell Oil	2%	\$50, \$20, \$10		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Marriott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns)	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	13%	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebee's	9%	\$10		
Bob Evans	9%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's	9%	\$10		
Chili's	13%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$5		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Perkins	9%	\$5		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Ponderosa	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	14%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$5		
			TOTAL	\$

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. 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. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Oct. 3 5:00 pm		Sharon Devine Cynthia Cook		
Oct. 4 8:00 am	Kevin Meteyard	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Lyle Christensen
Oct. 4 10:30 am	Jonathan Pechman Alex Gueldenzopf	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #2 Bob Christensen	Audrey Rasmussen
Oct. 11 8:00 am	Jill Lynch	Pat Jensen	Team #3 Harold Miller	Ruth Hlavka
Oct. 11 10:30 am	Chris Sedgwick Eric Van Berg		Team #4 Rich Christensen	Amy Larsen
Oct. 17 5:00 pm		Boots LeRoux Margaret Christensen		
Oct. 18 8:00 am	Ken Larsen	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Bev Hansen
Oct. 18 10:30 am	Erin Svoboda Amy Lawler	Pat LeRoux-Sodke Sandi Zeleske	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Jim Larsen
Oct. 25 8:00 am	Becky Fiebig Katie Sanders Nicole Larsen	Evelyn Larsen	Team #7 John Cook	Brenda Gieszler
Oct. 25 10:30 am	Nathan Albright Danielle Pipol Michelle Slawson		Team #8 Bill Meteyard	John Knuteson
Oct. 31 5:00 pm		Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen		
Nov. 1 8:00 am	TBA	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Eileen Olson
Nov. 1 10:30 am	TBA	Evelyn Larsen Marge Jensen	Team #10 Bob Christensen	Eric H. Larsen

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 4 Marie Andersen
Oct. 11 Brian & Denise Keller
Oct. 18 Loren & Cindi Larsen
Oct. 25 Jim & Joan Larsen
Nov. 1 Wm. & Cindy Cook

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Marie Andersen
Judy Berndt
TBA
TBA
TBA

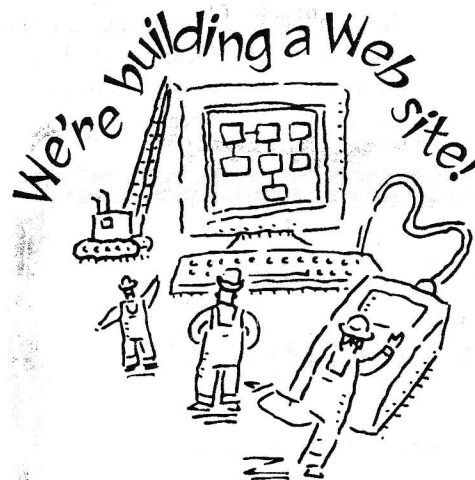
CANDLES

Ruth Estep
(through
Oct.)

Cheryl Dexter

Emmaus Has a New Web Page

All you internet users, check out and bookmark Emmaus' new web page at <http://www.execpc.com/~paulnue/emmaus.htm>.



A big thank you goes out to Art Smith (Nancy's husband and Daisy the Clown's good friend) for designing the page with his Internet provider (which helps to explain the web page's address).

Our web page has been registered with several major search engines and with the ELCA at their page for looking up congregations: <http://www.elca.org/hompage.htm>.

One final church-related tip for the internet: a good way to keep up on ELCA news is to subscribe to their ELCA News List Server at: <http://www.elca.org/it/list/listnews.html>.

You can receive ELCA's news briefs and releases via e-mail automatically.

Beverly Rautenberg to Be Ordained

Beverly Rautenberg invites the members of Emmaus Lutheran Church to join with her and others in the celebration of her ordination as a Lutheran pastor at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 4 at Mount Pleasant Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road. Emmaus served as Rautenberg's "teaching parish" in 199-.

Rautenberg has accepted a call to serve as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church of Primghar, Iowa.

Friends attending the ordination service are asked to bring a gift offering of non-perishable food to be shared with Racine's food pantries.

A reception will follow the ordination service. Nursery service is available.

Committee Budgets Due November 9

Committee chairpersons are asked to submit their budgets by the November 9 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.

Floral Arrangement to Memorialize Saints

In celebration of All Saints Day on November 1, 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 24. Excess monies will be contributed to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

ALL SAINTS' DAY MEMORIAL GARDEN

On All Saints' Sunday, November 1, 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 24.

Number of flowers: _____ Payment included: \$ _____

My/our name: _____

In memory of:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

Sunday School Gets Off to Flying Start

by Pat Liesch & Pat LeRoux-Sodke

Thanks to all who helped get Sunday School off to a flying start! Our Rally Day was a success! New this fall are YAC special activities for our younger youth. Watch for information to come home with your children.

We are in need of several substitute teachers, some to take over classes once in a while, and some to take classes for three to four weeks at a time. Please volunteer!

Please mark your calendars. There will be no Sunday School on November 8 due to an all-church Stewardship Brunch. Please plan to attend church at 9:15 a.m. and the brunch afterward. See you there.

Sunday School Teachers Installed

Sunday School Teachers for the

1998-99 school year were officially installed at the 10:30 a.m. service on September 13. 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 Halberstadt

4-year-olds & Kindergarten: Caren Lamberton

1st & 2nd Grade: Pat LeRoux-Sodke and Ellen Nuechterlein

3rd Grade: Terese Heinen & David Higgins

4th-5th Grades: Irene Pechman

6th - 8th Grades: Chris & Karen Olson

High School: Cindi Larsen & David Christensen

Co-Superintendents: Pat Liesch & Pat LeRoux Sodke

Treasurer: Linda Meteyard

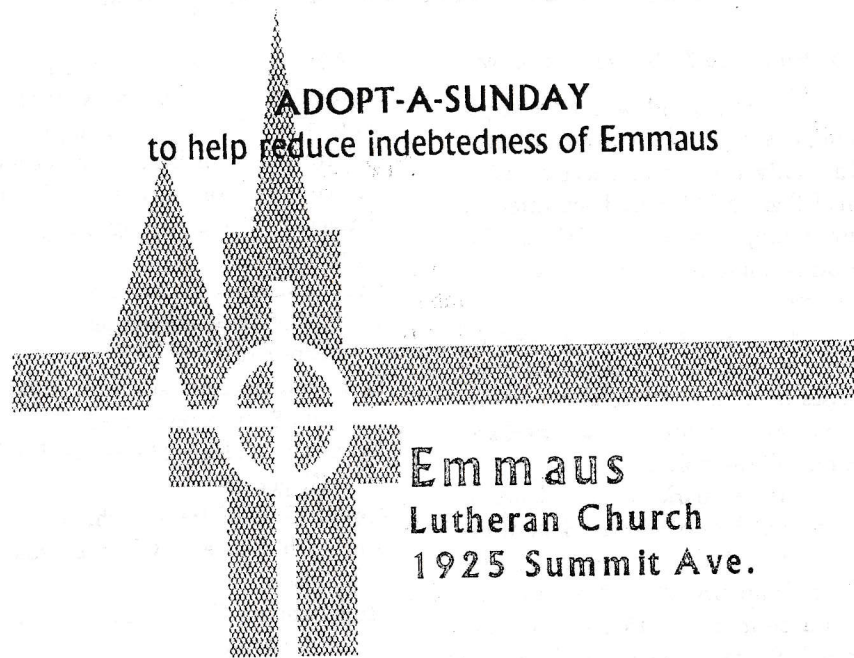
News from the Pews

Sarah Knuteson Studies in Ecuador

Sarah Knuteson is studying Spanish and Ecuadorian culture at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Ecuador in Quito for the 1998-99 school year. A junior at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Sarah is majoring in Spanish and Zoology.



Knuteson received a travel grant from the Office of International Studies and Programs at UW-Madison and a scholarship from the Spanish department to help fund her trip. Sarah is the daughter of John and Cathy Knuteson.



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

Teen Parenting Center Expands Services

Dear Members and Friends:

The YWCA of Racine, in collaboration with Emmaus Lutheran Church, the Racine Unified School District, and others, has completed its tenth year of operating the Teen Parenting Program and we're looking forward to the challenges that will face us in this, our eleventh year. Thank you so much for helping us to serve over 200 girls and their babies.

Like most Wisconsin child care programs, we have felt the adverse financial effects of the W-2 program and we are implementing changes in our program to offset those losses. What will this mean to Emmaus Lutheran Church? We are currently licensed to care for more children at the church than the teen parenting need demands. Therefore, we will be offering to care for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years old whose parents are not necessarily teens, but rather

members of the general community. There is an extreme need for centers licensed and staffed to care for very young children and, fortunately, we are able to offer that service in your facility.

All of this means that the YWCA is looking forward to working with you again this year to offer more services to more children than ever! It promises to be a very exciting year. If you are interested in being involved more directly with this child care ministry, please contact Lisa Van Koningsveld, Program Coordinator, or Sherry Smerchek, Youth Education Director, at 633-3503. We'd be happy to explain to you what interesting opportunities there are for volunteers who like being with small children. We'd love to have you join us!

Fondest regards,
Carol E. McNulty,
Executive Director

Northside Food Pantry Report as of August 31, 1998

by Mary Haas, Pantry Coordinator

People served: 198
Money received: \$189.94
Money spent: \$635.68
Checkbook balance: \$635.68

The current checkbook balance has diminished, and if no additional funds are received, sometime during this month, I will be cutting back on buying eggs, margarine, fresh fruit and ground beef.

We do get approximately 2,000 pounds of food from Project Emergency each month, and I

shop to supplement that, buying soup, pasta, pancake mix, bread, etc.

There is not a question of the Food Pantry closing, only the variety of food we have given in the past.



Racine Mission Cluster Council Seeks Meal Site Director

The Racine Mission Cluster Council is seeking a person to share the responsibilities of our Sunday Meal for the community at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

The Co-director's responsibilities are to share the following duties

- 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
- 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 Directors should be patient, 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 sharing approximately 28 to 35 hours per month. Previous restaurant or cafe experience is a plus.

If interested in this part-time position, please contact Wayne Kavaliauskas (634-9075; 717 Arthur Avenue, Racine, 53405) or Sue Paksi (634-0126; 1122 Fairway Drive, Racine, 53405).

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.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Racine Literacy Council Offers Training Classes

The Racine Literacy Council offers tutor training classes this month and next. There will be one set of classes October 1, 6, 8, 13 and 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; another class will meet November 10 and 12 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and November 17 1:00-4:00 p.m.

RLC will hold an informational meeting October 27 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Call 632-9495 to find the location (they're planning a move).

Organist Gives Concert in Mequon

World famous English organist, Dame Gillian Weir, will present a concert in the Chapel of Christ Triumphant at Concordia University in Mequon, on Sunday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door. You've never heard an organist like this before! For more information, call the Concordia University Music Department at (414) 243-4405.

Pastor Paul's Page

Worship Is About God (Not Us)

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

I watched Brett Favre throw five touchdown passes today. Unbelievable! Even as a Lions fan, I have to admit that he's the best. The Packers are very hard to beat when he's on his game — which, fortunately for Packers fans, is most of the time. His consistency is also amazing.

I have to confess, however, that as a non-Packer fan, my attention wasn't perfectly riveted to the game. I was doing other things. One of them, in fact, was to finally satisfy my curiosity about something that I'd wondered about for several years. I've wondered if Packer games make a difference to church attendance.

So this is what I did during today's Packer game: I quickly added up attendance on those weekends when the Packers play at noon and took an average; and then I took the sum and average for those fall weekends on which the Packers have played at another time. I took these two averages over a span covering the '96 & '97 seasons and the first four games of this season.

Curious about what I found? When the Packers play at noon, our attendance has averaged 183; when they play at other times we've averaged 222 — a difference of almost 40!

What keeps coming to mind for

me is that old story about Babe Ruth. Someone remarked to him, "Did you realize that you made more than the President of the United States last year?"

To which Ruth simply replied, "Yeah, I had a better year than he did."

I wouldn't want to start trying to compare the value of the Packers to our worship at Emmaus. Someone might answer to the effect, "Yeah, Brett Favre had a better year than you did."

I hesitate to bring this up because I don't want to invite comparisons. Nor do I want to take anything away from Brett Favre and the Packers. They are a wonderful team, exciting to watch, rewarding to back as a fan, and, as a means of entertainment, are a great diversion from the routine of life. No, I don't want to take anything away from Brett and the boys.

But I would like to put in a big plug for worship. Another thing I have on my mind today is our topic for next Sunday's service, the second in our seven week series on discipleship. The theme happens to be worship. We are using some great materials for this seven week series, which includes sermon helps, so I can even give you a tiny preview of what we'll reflect upon concerning worship this Sunday.

The first major point is that
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Pastor Paul's Column
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worship is about God, not about us. We worship God because God deserves it. God has created each of us *and* this entire universe — and you have to admit that that's even better than five touchdown passes in a game.

The other major point we will want to consider about worship is that it is much more than entertainment, much more than a diversion. It is our weekly opportunity to be in touch with the living God and to thus center our lives. Here is a quick sample: "Worship means a life with purpose clarified. God, the author of life, is not a random or fickle God. Our God has created life with purpose, and the more we live in relationship with

this God, the more our purpose becomes clear.... Worship is our opportunity to 'center our lives.' We center our lives because here we think long term."

And: "When was the last time you touched eternity? I'd like to invite you to come before God now in worship and prayer because God is God and worthy of our worship. Will you join me?"

In the Spirit's love,

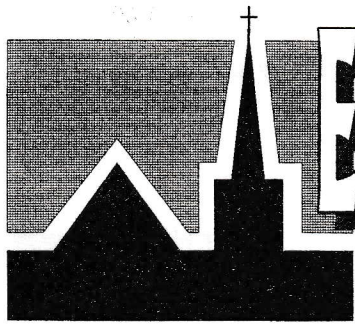
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Pssst — By the way, the Packers play on Monday night this coming week.

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Emmaus Unites for 9:15 service Nov. 8

Come worship with us on November 8 for our Consecration Sunday celebration. Features of our celebration that day include:

- ▶ One worship service at 9:15 a.m. The most notable feature of this celebration is that it will bring all of us together in one worship service at 9:15 a.m. (There will be no Sunday School that day, nor Saturday evening worship on November 7.)
- ▶ An all-congregation brunch will follow the worship (with a menu of breakfast casserole, muffins, fruit cup and beverage). Cheryl Dexter is organizing this event and appreciates any offers of help. Please sign up or R.S.V.P.

to the church office to attend (so that we know how many to prepare for). A brief program will feature a slide presentation in celebration of our ministry at Emmaus. A free will donation will be collected.

- ▶ A special chancel drama is being prepared in lieu of the regular sermon.

Inside the 
November Visitor:
Congregational Meeting Nov. 15
Julie Field Sweatshirt Sale
Poinsettia Order Form

Emmaus to Observe All Saints' Sunday

During worship on October 31-November 1, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year:

Myrtle Larsen LeRoux (November 23, 1904 - November 14, 1997)

Ione Hicks Clausen (June 10, 1904 - November 30, 1997)

Arden Bertermann (January 30, 1920 - December 26, 1997)

Dorothy O'Dell Jacobsen (July 16, 1894 - January 26, 1998)

Catherine Rankine Andreassen (November 26, 1908 - February 24, 1998)

Lawrence Earl Decker (July 10, 1918 - April 9, 1998)

Wesley G. Francis (June 21, 1913 - April 30, 1998)

Gilbert W. Toslek, Sr. (December 31, 1916 - July 28, 1998)

Ethel Schooley Petersen (March 5, 1922 - August 4, 1998)

Ella Nelson Paeth (November 10, 1915 - August 29, 1998)

Ella Scheel Reckhow (June 29, 1908 - September 7, 1998)

Daniel Bertram (February 4, 1922 - October 28, 1998)

Special Congregational Meeting Slated November 15

The Emmaus church council voted at its meeting on September 14, 1998 to call a special meeting of the Emmaus congregation to consider an amendment to the church by-laws. The special congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, November 15, 1998.

The purpose of the amendment would be to allow the annual congregational meeting to be held as late as February 15. The by-laws currently require that the annual meeting be held during the month of January. The church council will remain responsible each year for setting a date for the annual meeting

and for publicizing the date to the congregation.

Also on the agenda will be discussion concerning our worship schedule.

Special congregational meetings may consider only the matter or matters for which they are called; amending the church's by-laws requires a two-thirds vote by the members who attend the meeting.

We hope you will be able to participate on November 15.

PASTORAL ACTS

There were no pastoral acts to report for the month of October at press time.

"Marks of Discipleship" Culminates Nov. 8

The final two weeks of our series "Marks of Discipleship" highlight the various aspects of Christian giving. Christ's self-giving on the cross is our ultimate model for discipleship.

On November 1, also All Saints' Sunday, we will focus on the giving of time and talents. There will be an opportunity to renew our commitment in this regard by offering our pledge of time and talents. Please fill out the Time and Talent Commitment form, inserted in this



Visitor, and bring it to worship November 1 (or deliver/mail it to the church office).

November 8 will feature our Consecration Sunday festivities around our renewed commitments with pledges of treasure. The 1999 pledge cards were delivered as part of your third quarter giving statements, either at a cottage meeting or through the mail. Please bring your pledge with you on November 8 as part of your offering.

Emmaus Receives Outreach Funds

Emmaus has received a \$1,500 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Synod for Outreach Ministry. The grant helps to fund time spent by Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul this year in exploring various outreach possibilities.

This past spring, they visited a

number of after-school programs. This fall, they are meeting with pastors experienced in urban outreach ministry, and are exploring opportunities for Emmaus which relate to outreach to our neighborhood and community.

Adult Forums in November:

- Nov. 1 "Affluenza": a thought-provoking video with discussion led by Pastor Mary
- Nov. 8 *No Adult Forum; worship at 9:15 and brunch at 10:30*
- Nov. 15 "Village of Hope": Nancy Smith shows slides and tells of this special mission in Haiti

- Nov. 22 **World hunger** and the response of the ELCA
- Nov. 29 *No Adult Forum; extended fellowship time*

Adult Forum meets between Sunday morning worship services in the Sunset Room at 9:15. All members of Emmaus are invited to attend.

Thank You Messages from Our Members

To all of Emmaus:

Thank you for the prayers and cards from my Emmaus family.

—Julia Durand

To my dear Emmaus friends:

A sincere thank you for all of the prayers, love and support you've given me during my recent surgery and continuing recovery.

—Bev Johnson

To the Pastors and Emmaus friends:

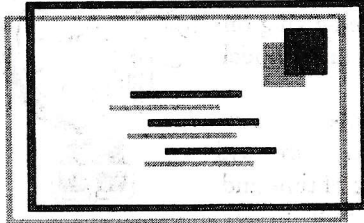
I have a deep sense of gratitude

and sincere thanks for all the prayers, love and support you've given me, while in the hospital, and now, during my "successful" recovery from arm surgery.

I'm so grateful and happy to be a member of such a warm and friendly church.

—Celia Weber

P.S.: I *will* be baking for the REST program as soon as I can.



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 Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet
 Sunday School Superintendents: Pat Liesch & Pat LeRoux Sodke
 Senior Fellowship Center Director: Carol Eschmann Children's Music Director: Karla Bielewicz
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge

CHURCH OFFICE: 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30; November 7 and 8, however, there will be no Saturday service and only one service on Sunday, at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services at 9:15 a.m. except November 8. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

THANKSGIVING EVE services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 25.

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Closed November 26.)

The *Visitor* is published monthly except August. The deadline for the December *Visitor* is November 15.

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship Features Processional Offering of Food

Help fill the shelves of our local food pantry! As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service, there will be a processional offering of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Northside Food Pantry, the pantry to which Emmaus has contributed food and money for several years now, located at Trinity United Methodist Church.

If you prefer to give a monetary contribution to the food pantry, make your check payable to Emmaus and indicate "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

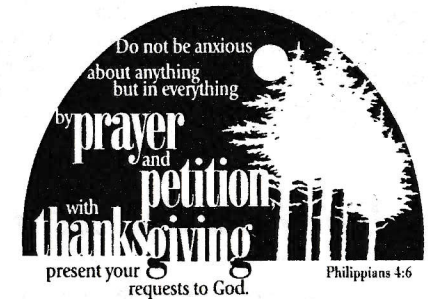
Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 25

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary News

"We Care" Program to Go Digital in '99

Effective January 1, 1999, it will no longer be necessary to collect register receipts or "We Care" stickers for Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary. Simply fill out a new Pick 'n' Save Saver's Club card and fill in the Auxiliary's number, #456480. A donation from your grocery purchase will be added to the Auxiliary's account electronically every time you use your Saver's Club card.

The new Advantage card is available any time between now and January 1. Until January 1, it will be necessary to save receipts with "We Care" stickers, however. If you have any questions, please call Audrey Rasmussen at 886-4960.



at 7:00 p.m. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.

After the service, join the fellow members of your Emmaus family for the pie social in Fellowship Hall. Donations at the tables will be used to finance Senior High Youth activities.

The total for "We Care" through July, 1998, was \$891.15.

Candy Sale

November 9 is the start of the Auxiliary's 1998 Candy Sale. A wider variety of bars and boxes will be available.

Boxes of peanut butter checkers, chocolate covered almonds, and chocolate covered raisins have been added to the mint meltaways and caramel whirls. Solid chocolate crisp and toffee bars are joining the chocolate almond bars. The quality and price will remain the same.

Thanks for your support!

Roses Planted to Memorialize Ella Reckhow

Rose bushes have been planted in front of the church sign as a memorial to Ella Scheel Reckhow, a lifelong member of Emmaus who passed away this September.



The bushes are a gift from Todd Schwebel and his mother, Marjorie Schwebel and were planted by Milaeger's Garden Mart of Racine.

Julie Field Creates Hand-painted Sweatshirts

Have you seen the colorful sweatshirts on display in the narthex? These sweatshirts are the creation of Julie Field, and orders are being taken *through November 22* for custom-made orders.

Do you want to give a one-of-a-kind Christmas gift? This is your opportunity! All proceeds will be used for youth travel and for mission

projects done by our youth.

Shirts are available with the following slogans: "Prayer Changes Things"; "Pray for Each Other"; "Love One Another"; and "Sing God's Praises." Choose from shirts in black, royal blue, red, tan, dark green, or white. Prices are \$25.00 for adults, \$15.00 for children.

SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

Quantity	Size (adult/child)	Color		Saying
		1st choice	2nd choice	

November 15 Is Youth Sunday

Our youth will provide the worship leadership at our services on Sunday, November 15, which will

include leading us in the Chicago Folk Service. Come support our young people!

WELCA Bulletins

Sr. Carol Kottewicz to Preach at Thankoffering Service

The women's Thankoffering service this year will be on Sunday, December 6. Our guest preacher will be Sister Carol Kottewicz, Parish administrator at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. She will also preach at the Saturday evening service.

Women who are musically inclined are invited to join into small groups to provide special music during the service. We'd love to include a variety of vocal and instrumental duets, trios, quartets, etc.

Also, women, please remember to bring your Thankoffering boxes. Envelopes will also be available in the pews.

Christmas Party

Women—young, old, and in-between—our Christmas party will be Wednesday, December 9 at 1:30. There will be cookie packing. We encourage all women to bring extra cookies for packing.

Sale Proceeds

Rummage sale netted \$476.46; the bake sale netted \$135.50.

We'd like to give thanks to Marge Zielke, Jan Svendsen and Marge Jensen for making the 26 school kit bags for Lutheran World Relief. Judy Berndt and Ruth Hlavka for packed

the bags with contributions from Emmaus membrs, Sunday School children, and the women of the church. Thanks to all who contributed their time, goods and materials for the bags.

Mary Circle

The Mary Circle has decided to have its meetings on the first Wednesday of the month in the Fireside Room at church.

Lutheran Woman Today

Lutheran Woman Today subscriptions are due no later than November 8. 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. If it is a new subscription, please include your name and mailing address.

Moms' Night Out Meets Nov. 19

Moms' Night Out on the November 19 will have a program on infant and toddler nutrition. Moms' Night Out meets on the third Thursday of each month.

Sunday School Takes Nov. 8 Break

by Pat Liesch

Parents—here are some important dates to remember:

Sunday, November 8, there will be no Sunday School, due to 9:15 a.m. church services and the Stewardship Brunch to follow. Sunday School resumes November 15.

Sunday, November 29, there will be Sunday School on Thanksgiving weekend.

Saturday, December 19, we will have a rehearsal for the Christmas Program from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 20, Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m. The Christmas Program will be in the church at 10:30, with treats and conversation to follow.

Sunday, December 27, there will be no Sunday School. Classes



resume January 3.

We are also looking for individuals to help with the Christmas program and to substitute teach for Sunday School. Please call either Pat LeRoux-Sodke at 681-2386 or Pat Leisch at 835-1363

Youth Birthdays

- Nov. 1 Brittany Schanstine, 7
- Nov. 3 Joel Nuechterlein, 12
- Nov. 12 Austin Schultz, 13
- Nov. 14 Alan Adams, 18
- Nov. 18 Ken Larsen, 16
- Nov. 20 Anicka Purath, 4
- Nov. 22 Kevin Meteyard, 16
- Nov. 23 Amanda Hegeman, 11
- Nov. 23 Emma Hierseman, 2
- Nov. 25 Erin Tussler, 14
- Nov. 27 Erin Svoboda, 14
- Nov. 30 Eilis Purath, 2

Many Members Contribute Toward Festive Service

Thanks to those who helped make the Confirmation and Reformation worship service on October 25 a festive one:

- The Sunrise singers, Adult Choir, Joyce Kaiser, Marsha Connet and Karla Bielewicz
- Marian Bower for securing the helium tank
- Chris Olson for picking up and returning the helium tank
- Carol Yust and Lisa Zuehlke

for blowing up balloons

- Karen Olson, who made the confirmation banners
- All 219 people who were here to worship.

It was great to have such a big crowd at the worship service. Can we experience that again on November 8? Come be a part of the *one* big weekend worship service at 9:15 a.m. (and stay for brunch following the service).

Christmas Decoration of Church Scheduled December 5

We will, once again, be decorating our church in celebration of the Christmas season. Please join us on Saturday, December 5 as we

hang the greens here at Emmaus from 9:00 until about noon.

Please call Marsha Connet at 633-2047 to join the fun.

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:

Gene, Rev. Paul & Ellen, David & Tina Nuechterlein, Donna & Tim Stephan, and grandchildren, in honor of Shirley Nuechterlein;

Mary Larsen, in memory of

Edward Larsen;

The 1998 Confirmands in celebration of their confirmation.

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.

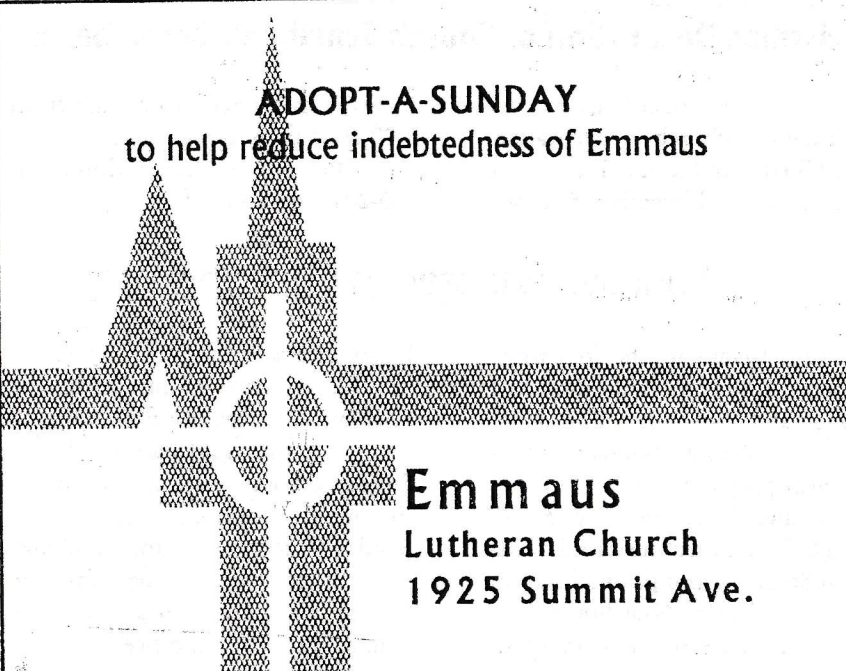
Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.:	1996: 184	1997: 200	1998: 178
Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	1996: 219	1997: 189	1998: 206
Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.:	1996: 197	1997: 190	

Financial Figures

	Year to date	
General funds receipts in September	\$13,568.40	\$149,565.60
Bldg. Fund offerings received in September	\$ 428.00	\$ 6,817.00
Unified funds receipts in September	\$13,996.40	\$156,382.60
	Campaign to date	
2001 Fund offerings received in Sept	\$583.00	\$46,800.94
September mortgage payments: Principal		\$500.63
Additional principal		\$1,129.13
Interest		\$989.37
Total		\$3,056.13
Principal balance as of September 11, 1998		\$161,467.32

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: _____



Poinsettias to decorate Emmaus for Christmas will be ordered this year and are available for purchase by members and friends of Emmaus. These plants will be yours to take, if you choose, after the late evening service December 24.

*Please reserve _____ poinsettias
at \$7.50 each*

(# _____ red # _____ white # _____ pink)

My name: _____

As a MEMORIAL for: _____

and/or to HONOR: _____

Deadline to order and make payment is November 25, 1998. 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:

Pay:  Order list:  Bulletin: 

Blood Pressure Testing Rescheduled

Emmaus' blood pressure testing clinic has been rescheduled from November 1 to November 15. Carol

Eschmann will be in Pastor Paul's office taking blood pressure between worship services.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like SCRIPmas

by Pat Liesch

Is the Christmas season sneaking up on you? No idea what to give? How about SCRIP?

We will place orders on November 2, 16 and 30 and December

14. Special orders can also be placed if there is enough demand for it.

Any questions? Call Pat Liesch (835-1363) or Cathy Meyer (886-1960). P.S.: SCRIP can also be used at the grocery stores to do your holiday cooking and baking!

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of Sept. 30, 1998

by Mary Haas, Pantry Coordinator

Number of people served: . . . 238
 Amt. of money rec'd \$283.30
 Second Presbyterian \$229.00
 Trinity UMC \$54.30
 Amount of money spent: . . \$227.11
 Checkbook balance: \$738.73

Now is the time to think "turkey." Super Saver and Piggly

Wiggly have begun the free turkey programs. Please think about donating a turkey to the Northside Food Pantry.

Do the participating churches think there is a need for a meeting to discuss the status of the Food Pantry? If yes, please give opinion of time, morning, afternoon.
 Phone: 639-5149

Senior Center Seeks Hosts

The Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is still in need of hosts and hostesses on Tuesday mornings. Hosts do not need to schedule programs, but are needed to come to



church about 9:30 to greet members, serve coffee, and introduce the program.

Please contact Carol Eschmann (835-2372) if you could help out one or more Tuesdays per month.

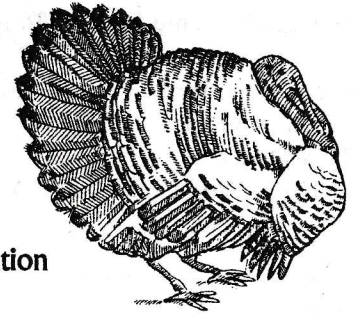
EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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:

Nov. 3: 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.

Nov. 10: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. - Fun Day with Nancy Smith
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.

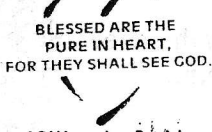
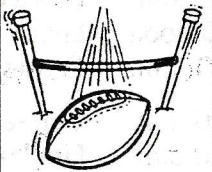



Nov. 17: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
 11:00 a.m. - TBA
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games

Nov. 24: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. - TBA
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Birthday lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER '98

Nov. 1	Dolly Wiley	1100 Fountain Hills Dr. #419	53406
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	53406
Nov. 28	John Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day 8:00 am Worship Service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: 10:30 am Worship Service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 	2 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	3 Election Day 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at L.C. of the Redeemer	4 10:30 am Villa St. Anna worship service 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle, Sunset Room 1:30 pm Mary Circle, Fireside Room 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice 6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	5 7:00 pm Stamp Club	6 6:30 pm Wedding rehearsal 7:00 pm REST	7 2:00 pm Stevens-Anderson wedding <i>No Saturday Worship Service</i>
8 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Consecration Brunch	9 	10 Dr. Martin Luther's birthday 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	11 Veterans' Day 5:30 Second Wednesday fellowship 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice 6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	12 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'	13 7:00 pm REST	14 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
15 YOUTH SUNDAY; 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: 10:30 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 11:30 am Special Congregational Meeting	16 6:30 pm Church Council Visitor deadline	17 9:30 am Clergy Cluster meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	18 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	19 7:00 pm Moms' Night Out	20 7:00 pm REST	21 5:00 pm Worship Service
<h1>November, 1998</h1>						
22 Christ the King Sunday 8:00 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer; Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: 10:30 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer	23 	24 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	25 7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion 8:10 pm Pie Social	26 Thanksgiving Office closed 	27 7:00 pm REST	28 5:00 pm Worship Service
29 1st Sunday in Advent 8:00 am Worship Service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Service LBW setting 2	30 St. Andrew, apostle 	Dec. 1 World AIDS Day 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Atonement	2 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	3 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp club	4 7:00 pm REST	5 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

SCRIP Address: _____ Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$10		
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$20, \$10		
Clothing & department stores (see also Shoes)				
Kohl's Department Store	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
ShopKo	4%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney	6%	\$250, \$100, \$25, \$10, debit card		
Sears (not for charge acct/balance)	4%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	19%	\$10		
The Gap	9%	\$10, \$20		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Lillian Vernon	14%	\$20		
Limited	9%	\$10		
Pier One Imports	9%	\$25, \$10		
Spiegel	9%	\$25		
Victoria's Secret	14%	\$10, \$25		
The Disney Store	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	18%	\$10		
August Max Woman	19%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	10%	\$25, \$10		
Old Navy	9%	\$10, \$25		
Sporting goods stores				
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	9%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Walden Books	8%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25, \$10		
Stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				
Best Buy	2%	\$50		
Circuit City	3%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		

Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	10%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys Я Us	3%	\$10, \$5		
Shoe stores				
Footlocker	9%	\$25, \$10		
Payless Shoes	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10		
Pier One	9%	\$25, \$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	18%	\$50		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$5		
Shell Oil	2%	\$50, \$20, \$10		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Marrriott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns)	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	13%	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebee's	9%	\$10		
Bob Evans	9%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's	9%	\$10		
Chili's	13%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$5		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Perkins	9%	\$5		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Ponderosa	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	14%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$5		
			TOTAL	\$

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. 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. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!



NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS



	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Oct. 31 5:00 pm		Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen		
Nov. 1 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Eileen Olson
Nov. 1 10:30 am	Tina Yust Nathan Albright	Evelyn Larsen Marge Jensen	Team #10 Bob Christensen	Eric H. Larsen
Nov. 8 9:15 am	Nicole Larsen, P.J. Liesch, Austin Schultz		Team #3 Harold Miller	Gregg Albright
Nov. 14 5:00 pm		Brian & Denise Keller		
Nov. 15 8:00 am	Becky Fiebig	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Team #5 Jim Palmer	YOUTH SUNDAY
Nov. 15 10:30 am	Rebecca Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Team #4 Rich Christensen	YOUTH SUNDAY
Nov. 22 8:00 am	Katie Sanders	Evelyn Larsen	Team #7 John Cook	Marie Andersen
Nov. 22 10:30 am	Luke Reischl Eric Van Berg		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Mildred Schroth
Nov. 25 7:00 pm	Chris Sedgwick Jon Pechman	Mildred Schroth Evelyn Larsen	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	
Nov. 29 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen	Judy Berndt	Team #7 John Cook	Kylee Albright
Nov. 29 10:30 am	Rachel Sommer Valerie Yorgan		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Maury Felton
Dec. 5 5:00 pm		Marion Andersen Marge Zielke		
Dec. 6 8:00 am	TBA	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	WOMEN SUNDAY
Dec. 6 10:30 am	TBA	Maury & Anne Felton	Team #2 Bob Christensen	WOMEN SUNDAY

Church Council Report

Church Council Proposes Change to Emmaus By-Laws

The council approved submitting to the congregation an amendment to the church by-laws to allow the annual congregational meeting to be held as late as February 15. The by-laws currently require Emmaus to hold its annual meeting during the month of January. A special congregational meeting is scheduled after the 10:30 a.m. service November 15 to vote on this proposal.

Pastor Paul reported that he had recently attended a seminar on the Logos Program, which Emmaus will consider using as a midweek youth ministry program for Second Wednesday activities in the spring and fall of 1999. He was quite impressed with the program, which Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church is beginning this fall.

The pastors reported on efforts being made to increase Emmaus' outreach into the immediate community by housing a local center for outreach ministries. We have requested a grant of \$1,000-2,000 from the Greater Milwaukee Synod to initiate urban outreach.

The council voted to begin drawing up Emmaus' response to the resolution passed at the 1998 Greater Milwaukee Synod convention requesting that member congregations report to Bishop Rogness and the synod council their intentions whether or not to become "Reconciled in Christ" congregations.

The resolution calls upon member congregations to take action on the synodical affirmation (passed at the 1991 synod assembly) that gay and lesbian persons are welcome into our synod's faith community and are encouraged and expected to share in all aspects of the synod's ministries.

The terms of a number of council members will expire in January, 1999.

Council minutes are available in the church library.



Committee Budgets Due November 16

Committee chairpersons are asked to submit their budgets by the November 16 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. 28

Church committees are asked to turn their annual reports in to the office by Monday, December 28. The full annual report of the congregation is to be available to members of Emmaus at least a week before the annual meeting.

Emmaus to Hire New Custodian

As this *Visitor* was going to press, Emmaus was in the process of hiring a new custodian. We expect to be able to introduce you to him in the coming weeks.

Slater Is New Groundskeeper

In the interim this fall, member Harley Slater has been performing the full duties of our custodian as a second

job — quite a full schedule! He is willing to stay on, after the hiring of the new custodian, as our groundskeeper.

Harley will be doing all the outside work, while the new custodian will be able to concentrate on keeping the building clean. Thankyou to Harley for his dedicated work at a time of need!

Rising Flood Waters? LSS can help!

You can find shelter from the storms that can rock everyday life. Lutheran Social Services, a human service agency of the ELCA, can throw a life preserver and pull you aboard the ARC.

Thanks to the support of ELCA congregations, you can receive a consultation with a professional who will assess your individual needs and suggest options to help you navigate the rough waters of insurance companies, agencies and health options to find the right service. This service is provided at no cost to you.

Counseling services are available to deal with issues of drug and alcohol abuse, marriage and family issues, grief, and sexual abuse, to name a few.

See your pastor for details.



**Assessment
Referral
for Congregations**



*We're here when the rain falls
until the sun shines.*

LSS Lutheran Social Services
of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

Organ Donation Is Not For You

by Carol Eschmann, RN

If you think the idea of organ donation is not for you, *you're right!* Organ donation is for someone close to you. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we think of our many blessings including our health. Many of us give thanks that we are whole in Jesus as we struggle with our illnesses. What a blessing, both for those who made the decision to donate, and those who received!

The United Network for Organ Sharing shares these facts and figures about organ and tissue donation:

- Today there are over 45,000 Americans registered with the United Network for Organ Sharing waiting list for donated organs.
- Every year, an estimated 3,000 people die while waiting for organ transplants.
- Organ donation occurred in only .0025% of all deaths in the United States.
- One individual who donates after death can provide organs, corneas, bone and tissue for 50 or more people in need.
- There were more than 3,000 organ donations made by living donors (primarily kidney donors) in 1994. 66% of donors were women.
- An estimated 450,000 Americans are treated with transplanted bone and tissue each year. Tissues include tendons and ligaments, skin

used to treat burns, heart valves, and eye corneas.

- Almost 60% of people waiting for organ transplants are between the ages of 18 and 49.
- Women wait nearly twice as long for kidney transplants as men.
- Survival rates for organ recipients continue to rise. The one year survival rate for kidney recipients is almost 96%; for heart recipients, over 82%; for pancreas recipients, over 92%.
- There is no cost to be an organ or tissue donor. There is no charge for donated organs and tissues. Donation is a gift. The costs associated with donation make up approximately 12% of the transplant recipient's bill. Most of the expense of transplant is generated by the transplant procedures, including hospital costs, surgeons' and doctors' fees, medication and aftercare.

I encourage you to discuss this topic with your families as you celebrate holidays together. Make a family decision when you are together so that others know your wishes about organ donation in the event of your death. If you have questions or concerns about this or any other health related issues, I am available to you either on Sunday or you may reach me at home at 835-2372.

CONNECTION

The Synod Publication That Keeps You Informed ♦ October 1998

Dial Bishop Anderson!

Have you ever wondered what the Bishop of the ELCA, The Rev. Dr. H. George Anderson, thinks about issues like raising kids, the Church in Africa, or spirituality in daily life? Well, stop wondering! There is a way to find out what the leader of the ELCA has to say -- it's called *Dial Bishop Anderson*. That's right, simply pick up the phone and dial 1-773-380-2930 at any time of the day. Bishop Anderson records a new message on the first and 15th of every month.

If you're computer savvy, you can hear Bishop Anderson's reflections on real audio via the worldwide web. Simply go to www.elca.org/ob/dial.html. You can even send an e-mail to the Bishop (bishop@elca.org) to suggest a topic you want to know more about. The topics for the rest of the year are as follows:

- October 1 Calling all CEO's
- October 15 Views from the Conference of Bishops
- November 1 Our Hispanic Future
- November 15 Report from the ELCA Church Council
- December 1 Grace and Cranberry Sauce
- December 15 Africa and the Worldwide Church
- January 1 When the New Year is the Last
- January 15 A New Set of Friends

Remember, dialing Bishop Anderson is a great way to get some good advice as well as find out what's new in the church.

INSIDE...

- ▶ Churches support tolerance toward Muslims
- ▶ Lutherans reflect on 250-year Heritage
- ▶ Lutheran Lay School for Responsible Living

Churches Support Tolerance Toward Muslims - Chicago (ELCA)

Churches for Middle East Peace has encouraged its members, including the ELCA, to support a resolution in the U.S. House and Senate supporting religious tolerance toward Muslims. The Rev. Mark B. Brown of the ELCA said, "The use of violence in the name of religion by extremists must not shape our perceptions of Muslims globally or locally."

"The spiral of violence these past weeks between terrorists acting in the name of Islam and the government of the United States poses a challenge for people of faith and good will," said a Churches for Middle East Peace

How can we ask our government to be an instrument of peace and tolerance if we fail to do so in our own communities?

The Rev. Brown is associate director for public policy advocacy ministry with the Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs in Washington, D.C. He said, "Peacemaking begins at home and we each must work to build bridges with our Muslim neighbors and foster a climate of goodwill and a shared commitment for harmony between nations. How can we ask our government to be an instrument of peace and tolerance if we fail to do so in our own communities?"

The concurrent resolution condemns anti-Muslim intolerance and discrimination as "wholly inconsistent" with the American values of religious tolerance and pluralism.

memo. Americans feel "threatened and most likely angry about the hatred toward the United States exhibited by the bombings of the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania," the memo said.

The memo said, "It is now incumbent upon American Christians to take action that assures our American Muslim neighbors of the commitment we share with them for inclusiveness, harmony, peace and justice in the United States and around the world."

The resolution calls upon Congress to resolve "to uphold a level of political discourse that does not involve making a scapegoat of an entire religion or drawing political conclusions on

Muslims continued page 3

Lutherans Reflect on 250-year Heritage

by Carolyn Lewis

Two hundred fifty years ago in August, 1748, representatives of 10 Lutheran congrega-

tions gathered in Philadelphia and organized the first Lutheran church body in America.

Called the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, it provides the earliest American roots of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Recognized Leader and founding father of the organization, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg had come to America from Germany to help "plant" the church in a new land.

"A twisted cord of many threads will not easily break," Muhlenberg said as he encouraged the congregations to join together.

In the last 250 years many more threads have been added to that cord and the ELCA now numbers 11,000 congregations and 5.2 million members.

As part of a series of events on the "Muhlenberg Heritage," a symposium titled "Roots for New Plantings" was held August 7-9 at Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA.

More than 200 people gathered to... explore how today's church can build on that heritage.

"We live with anxiety about the future and about our ability to cope with the challenges it presents," said Bishop H. George Anderson in an address prepared for the conference.

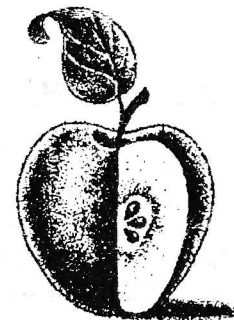
"But we also have this heritage, this long history and the example of the man whom we remember this year. Such memories give us a certain sense of balance, a per-

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Lutheran Lay School for Responsible Living...

Have you ever wanted to become a leader in your congregation, but were unsure what your gifts were and how to use them in that setting? Now there is a way for you to learn just that. The Lutheran Lay School for Responsible Living teaches participants how to become a leader by educating them about outreach, theology, the Bible, the Gospel in today's society, spiritual formation and more. Listed below is a sample of the classes which will be offered each Monday in October at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2812 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Call 414/344-7350 for a registration form and *join us!*

1. Senses and Silence: Worship in the Spirit
2. Neighborhood Ministry
3. Vocation: Life in Grace
4. The Christian and Homosexuality.



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spective that can steady our nerves as we face the future."

The ELCA brings together a variety of traditions and "struggles to embrace even more diversity in our membership," he said. "I believe that the key to whether our diversity strengthens us or divides us will depend on the degree to which we are willing to trust one another."

The most insidious of the challenges the church faces "involves the soul of the church," Anderson said.

"Recent surveys show that many of our members see

Christianity merely as a 'life-style choice,' a way of satisfying spiritual needs that money can't buy -- otherwise they would buy it."

"Does Christianity really have eternal consequences, or is it just another good-luck piece in our pocket?" he asked.

Muhlenberg thought it was vitally important for people to put their trust in God, Anderson said.

"Until we can see the greatest spiritual vacuum in this culture... we will not be able to use the church that Henry Muhlenberg left to us. But if we repent of our pride our gracious Lord may still have work for us to do," he concluded.

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the basis of religious doctrine" and to recognize "the contributions of American Muslims, who are followers of one of the three major monotheistic religions of the world and one of the fastest growing faiths in the United States.

The Rev. Bonnie L. Jensen, director of the ELCA Division for Global Mission, said, "The ELCA has a commitment of Christian mission based on respectful relationships with Muslims." The ELCA provides funds to support Islamic studies at two of its seminaries: Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Riggle Leads Grief Retreat

Dr. Dudley Riggle, Professor of Religion at Carthage College, will present "Grieving Our Losses and Living with Hope," a retreat at the Siena Center, November 20-21. The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and ends at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Participants will reflect on their experience with separation and loss

with the goal of coming to terms with the many thoughts, questions and feelings they have while grieving. The cost is \$75; the registration deadline is November 12. For further information or registration materials, contact Sister Rita Lui at the Siena Center, 639-4100.

Church, YMCA Team Up on Dance & Yoga Courses

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Racine YMCA offer two seven-week classes at Good Shepherd, 5040 Northwestern Avenue. Dance classes are offered Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. or 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. A Yoga class meets Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to noon or

Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

All classes meet between November 2 and December 15. Cost varies according to whether you are a YMCA member or not; the dance class has a cost break for couples. Sign up at the YMCA in person or by phone (credit card only).

Lutheran A Cappella Choir Performs

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee presents "Prepare the Royal Highway" at 8:00 p.m. December 4 at Memorial Lutheran Church, 7701 N. Green Bay Road, Milwaukee. The concert will be a musical journey from Old Testament prophecy through traditional carols.

Highlights will include Gerald Finzi's *Magnificat*, Samuel Scheidt's *Angelus ad pastores*, Hans Leo Hassler's *Dixit Maria ad Angelum*, as well as other works by John Rutter, Paul Manz and Paul Christiansen. Tickets for this performance are \$10.00; advance tickets for students and senior

citizens are \$8.00. Group rates are available for groups of ten or more people in advance. For more information, please call 521-4545.

Mt. Pleasant Hosts Singles' Event

Guys and gals: if you are a widower, widow, divorcé, or single, you are welcome to come to a singles' get-together at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road, on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Lutherdale Plans Men's Retreat

Lutherdale has planned a Men's retreat for December 4-5. "Promising Waters: Stories of Fishing and Following Jesus" will focus on the book of the same title by Jim Grassi, an International Fishing instructor.

Check-in for the retreat begins at

7:00 Friday evening; closing worship will begin right after dinner on Saturday. The cost is \$48 per person, and includes lodging, meals, and program. The registration deadline is November 23. Registration forms are available at Emmaus.

Schools Host Three Lutheran College Fairs in Wisconsin

Admissions representatives from Lutheran Colleges and Universities will participate in a series of Lutheran College Fairs across the country in November. Midwestern schools such as Carthage College of Kenosha, St. Olaf College of Minnesota, and Valparaiso University of Indiana will be included among as many as 47 schools from across the U.S. and Canada.

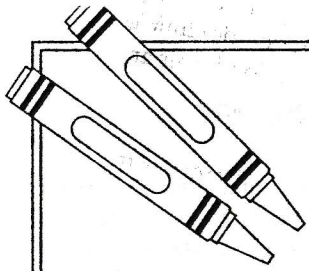
Wisconsin sites for this year's College Fairs are the Sheraton Madison Hotel on Tuesday, Novem-

ber 10; the Appleton Holiday Inn Select on Wednesday, November 11; and the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel on Thursday, November 12. All three events run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For details on these and other College Fairs, check their web site at www.lutherancolleges.org, or call 1-800-331-9650.



	ALTAR FLOWERS	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	CANDLE CARE
Nov. 1	Wm. & Cindy Cook	Audrey Rasmussen	Cheryl Dexter
Nov. 8	Harry & Evelyn Larsen	Brunch	(through Nov.)
Nov. 15	Harley Slater; Amy Larsen	TBA	
Nov. 22	Marsha Connet	TBA	
Nov. 29	Jim & Joan Larsen	TBA	
Dec. 6	Marie Andersen	TBA	Evelyn Larsen



Just for **KIDS**

A Bible Time Feast!

We celebrate important events and holidays by gathering for meals – for feasts! The disciples and other people who lived in Bible times did the same. “Breaking bread” together was, and is, an important part of our lives. The early Christians often met for an Agape meal – a time of friendship and fellowship.

We might enjoy ham or turkey or lasagna and pumpkin pie or cheesecake. What would a menu from an early Christian Agape meal look like?



Look up each Scripture reference to complete the menu below.

Grilled _____

(Matthew 7:10)



(Ezekiel 4:12)

(Deuteronomy 23:24)

(Leviticus 2:4)

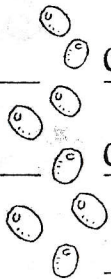


Loaf of _____

(1 Chronicles 16:3)

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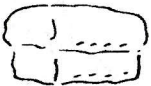
(Numbers 11:5)



(2 Samuel 23:11)

(Job 10:10)

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(Deuteronomy 28:40)

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(Genesis 25:30)

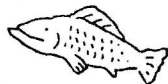
(Numbers 11:5)

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Cake of _____

(Numbers 11:5)

(1 Chronicles 16:3)



(or pottage), melons, cake of dates (or raisins), fish, barley cake, grapes, cakes, loaf of bread, cucumbers, lentils, cheese, olives, stew

When We Dare to Pray...

Recently, I received a gift filled with a lot of significance for me: a brightly colored, hand-painted sweatshirt with the saying “Prayer changes things.”

It was as Julie Field and I were on a prayer walk in the neighborhood around the church that she told me about her idea for the sweatshirts. She suggested that she make sweatshirts supporting our prayer ministry at Emmaus and that the proceeds be used for our youth.

Two days later, the idea became a reality as the first sweatshirts were delivered to the church, including the one for me. Wearing it has been a very visual reminder of what can happen when we dare to pray.

As I said in a sermon a number of weeks ago, prayer *can* be risky. For instance, what about the prayer, “*Use my life to touch others and make a difference in their lives*”? Not long ago, I was told by a friend that some time earlier, she had prayed that prayer, but that her prayer had been rather “wimpy” – not 100% enthusiastic. She said that she never expected that upcoming challenges and circumstances in her life would be as difficult and life changing as they were.

Those experiences have not only changed her, but have also touched the lives of others in unexpected ways that can't be measured. Her “wimpy” prayer was answered in an amazing way; literally hundreds of lives have

been touched through her experience.

What happens when we dare to pray? One of our on-going prayers has been, “*O God, provide for our financial needs at Emmaus so that we may carry out your mission.*” We dared pray that prayer, and now we have received the incredible news of unexpected gifts to the church!



Just over three weeks ago we received word that Emmaus will receive a bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of Ella Reckhow

sometime in the next six months. This past week, we received in the mail a check for \$1,500 from the Synod Outreach Fund to help us further our work in outreach. And, we have also received word that a small home has been placed in trust for Emmaus!

How will we faithfully use these gifts to expand our ministry? Our prayer is now, “*Guide us, O God, to use these abundant blessings to your glory and to further the proclamation of your Gospel message.*”

In response to that September sermon on prayer, I was thrilled at the response to my invitation to go on neighborhood prayer walks with me. What will happen as we walk together in the neighborhood of Emmaus (you can do the same thing in your own neighborhood) going by homes, schools, and places of work, praying

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Pastor Mary's Column

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for those who are there? As I have thanked God for the neighborhood, I have also prayed, *O God, bring well-being and a new sense of life to our neighborhood. Protect and guide the children; may they hear your word of hope and promise.*"

When we dare to pray for our neighbors—*all of them*—we are also opening ourselves up to be a part of the answer to our prayers. Are we ready for that? I think we are—provided we put our trust in the Lord who hears all

our prayers and will guide us each step of the way.

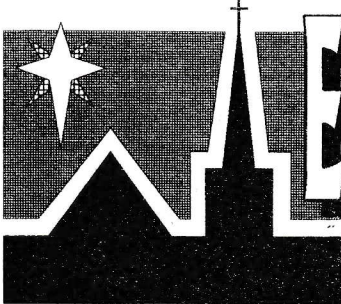
Let's be bold as we pray—for our neighbors, one another and ourselves. When we dare to pray for God's help and guidance, we can expect nothing less than miracles! I pray for you and for a renewed spirit among all of us who are a part of the Body of Christ, the church. We have so much for which to be grateful—let's share those blessings with others!

Thanks be to God!


Pastor Mary

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*Christmas Greetings
from Emmaus Pastors
and Staff!*

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Pastor Mary

PAT LIESCH

Marska

Harley

Connet

Slater

Karla Billewig

Rick Muhammad

*Suzee
Kuehn*

*Paul
Berg*

Christmas Eve Worship at
Emmaus:

Festival service: 4:30 pm

Candle Light Service: 10:30 pm

INSIDE:

Sunday Worship Schedule Changing
after Christmas

Sunday School Report

Christmas Program Slated for Dec. 20

"The Brightest Star," The 1998 Sunday School Christmas Program, is set for Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m., with treats and conversation to follow in Fellowship Hall. A rehearsal is planned for 9:00 a.m.,

Saturday, December 19.

No Sunday School will be held on December 27 and January 3. Sunday School will resume on January 10.

PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding:

**Laurie Stevens and
Bryan Anderson**
November 7, 1998

Laurie and Bryan joined Emmaus last year. Laurie works at Electronic Systems of Wisconsin here in Racine; Bryan works with our new custodian, Ricky Muhammad, at American Roller in Union Grove.

Funerals:

Dan Brown Bertram
October 31, 1998

Dan Bertram, husband of Jeannette Bertram, passed away on October 28. Dan had been a member of the Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center until his health no longer permitted him to attend; he was always the one to start the second verse of "Happy Birthday to You" whenever birthdays were celebrated.

Patricia Ellefsen French
November 10, 1998

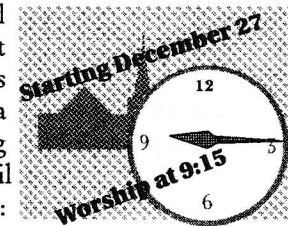
Pat French passed away November 5. She and her husband John joined Emmaus in 1987. A member of the Lydia Circle, she was co-president of the Emmaus Women of the ELCA in 1988. She worked for Racine County Hyman Services for 23 years, retiring as a social worker this past year. She also taught at Carthage College.

Our Condolences

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Kenneth Pechman's mother, Sylvia Pechman, who passed away last month in Villa Park, Illinois at the age of 87.

Church Council Approves New Sunday Schedule

Following congregational meetings on November 15, at which Emmaus members expressed strong support for a change in the Sunday morning schedule, your church council approved the following change: Emmaus will have one worship service at 9:15 a.m. with Sunday School afterward at 10:30 a.m. Saturday evening worship will continue at its 5:00 time.



The worship change will begin on December 27, with the first 10:30 Sunday School to begin January 10 after its holiday break.

The change was approved through the spring; the council will reevaluate the change in May or June. See Pastor Paul's column for more on these changes.

Evangelism Seminar to be Held in San Antonio

As we at Emmaus assess outreach and evangelism possibilities, we hope to learn from other congregations that have been successful in reaching out to their neighborhoods. The ELCA is offering a number of workshops nationwide with a focus on evangelism.

The model congregation most resembling the size and profile of Emmaus is one in San Antonio. The pastor and a number of lay leaders of this thriving ELCA congregation will offer a workshop there February 25-

28, 1999.

Pastor Mary hopes to attend and invites interested Emmaus members to be a part of this learning experience. There will be some opportunity to do sightseeing in San Antonio, too. Emmaus will cover the registration fee, and participants will be responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses.

Interested in this chance to learn about outreach *and* do so in a warmer climate? Let Pastor Mary know if you'd like to hear more!

Meet Our New Custodian, Rick Muhammad

Emmaus has hired a new custodian, Rick Muhammad. Rick is a 1987 graduate of Horlick High School, currently pursuing a degree in industrial maintenance at Gateway



Technical College.

Rick and his wife, Charlotte, have three daughters, Aishah, 9; Rebecca, 8; and Atiya, 4.

Rick enjoys reading, bicycling, basketball, weight lifting, and camping.

Register for Early Communion by Dec. 20

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 7 need to register your intentions by December 20. 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. 7, the next opportunity for First Communion will be May 2.

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Sunday School Superintendents: Pat Liesch & Pat LeRoux Sodke
Senior Fellowship Center Director: Carol Eschmann
Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Ricky Muhammad
CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00;
Sunday morning worship on Dec. 6, 13 & 20 will be at 8:00 & 10:30;
Sunday morning worship on Dec. 27 will be at 9:15. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services at 9:15 a.m.; there will be no Sunday School or Adult Forum on Dec. 27. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

CHRISTMAS EVE, there will be a festival service at 4:30 p.m. The Candlelight service will be held at 10:30 p.m.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on Dec. 25 and January 1.

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WELCA Bulletins

Women Lead Services December 6

Sister Carol Kottewicz, Parish Director at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, will preach at the women's Thankoffering service and the preceding Saturday service on December 5 and 6. Women's vocal and instrumental groups will add to our worship experience.

Please remember to bring your Thankoffering boxes to church.

Christmas Party

All women are invited to a Christmas party and cookie packing on Wednesday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sunset Room.

Cookies contributed by anyone in the congregation would be appreciated. We have many shut-ins that will enjoy the cookies. They will be packed on December 9. They can be left in the kitchen off the Sunset Room or brought the day of the cookie packing. (Be sure to mark them for "Cookie Packing" if you leave them for us. Thanks!)

We plan to sing some Christmas carols and will have time for fellowship over coffee.

We would also like to share with

Gifts Due Dec. 31 for 1998 IRS Credit

In order to claim donations to Emmaus as charitable gifts made in 1998, you must either bring them to the church office by noon, December 31, 1998, or have them postmarked by



others this Christmas season and encourage those attending to bring something for our Food Pantry. Some special needs are paper and soap products (paper towel, napkins, toilet tissue, hand soap, dish soap, detergent, etc.). They can be brought the day of our Christmas party or on Sundays. Anyone in the congregation may contribute.

Dec. & Jan. Meetings

Circles will meet as usual in December. In January, Pastor Mary will introduce the 1999 Bible Study on Revelation. A combined January meeting for the afternoon circles will be Wednesday, January 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Moms' Night Out Moves to Friday Morning

Due to popular demand, Moms' Night Out is moving to the second Friday morning of each month. We will have cookie exchange on Friday, December 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Watch your mail for details and plan now to join us. Babies are welcome.

that date. We anticipate that Paul Berge will be kept fairly busy that day, so please do not wait until the last minute! Thank you!

Extra Mile Giving Is Encouraged

Have you fulfilled your commitments to Emmaus for 1998? We have four weeks to do a lot of catch-up.



Currently, our giving has fallen \$13,000 behind budget, but our expenses remain close to projections. Therefore, we need a very strong finish in 1998 to meet our commitments.

Are you able to give an "above and beyond" gift in December? Any amount is appreciated. Some suggestions for that extra gift include:

1. Adopting a Sunday;
2. Adopting a bill;

3. Designating a special gift to World Hunger Appeal, Disaster Relief Fund, or general benevolence;
4. making an undesignated gift to the general fund.

During this season of giving, let us consider the gift that brings us the promise of life—God's gracious gift of Jesus. Thank you for your part in supporting the mission of Emmaus and the proclamation of the Gospel message!

MEMORIALS

Non-designated memorials:
In memory of Pat French: \$100.00

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	1996: 219	1997: 189	1998: 206
Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.:	1996: 197	1997: 190	1998: 179*
Average Weekly Attendance, Dec.:	1996: 195	1997: 193	

*as of Nov. 22, 1998

Financial Figures

	Year to date	
General funds receipts in October	\$14,624.73	\$164,190.33
Building Fund offerings received in Oct.	\$1,858.00	\$8,675.00
Unified funds receipts in October	\$16,482.73	\$172,865.33

	Campaign to date	
2001 Fund offerings received in Oct.	\$358.00	\$47,158.94
October mortgage payments: Principal	\$503.71	
Interest	\$986.29	
Total	\$1,490.00	
Principal balance as of October 12, 1998	\$160,982.20	

Let Us Go A Caroling!

Come join our choir members and young people as we go out into our neighborhood and beyond for a fun afternoon of Christmas caroling and fellowship.



Meet at the church Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m. ready to share familiar carols with those we visit. We'll return to the church about 4:00 p.m. for refreshments.

Advent Decorating Set For December 5

Join us on Saturday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. to decorate the church for Christmas. "Many hands make light work!" Marsha Connet will provide direction and treats as we help

beautify Emmaus for the celebration of Christmas.

Get into the true spirit of the holidays. Call Marsha Connet if you have questions (633-2047).

Seniors Fellowship Group to Visit Domes

Thanks to a generous gift from Aid Association for Lutherans, the Senior Center will take a bus trip to the "Winters Past" exhibition at the Mitchell Park Domes in Milwaukee on December 29. We have some



additional seats available, so we are inviting you to join us.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex early in December; you may also

call Carol Eschmann at 835-2372. Cost will be \$5.00 plus your lunch.

Messiah to Host Cluster Epiphany Festival

Mark your calendars for the Racine Mission Cluster Epiphanyfest, our joint annual celebration and worship among the Racine ELCA congregations. It is set for Thursday evening, January 7, at Messiah Lutheran Church.

beverage provided by Messiah), followed by worship at 7:00 p.m., featuring cluster choirs and liturgical dance troupes.

Weather permitting, we will conclude the evening with a burning of the greens (bonfire). Plan on joining us!

The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner (main dish and

REST Needs Special People for Christmas and New Year's Days

by Jim Palmer and Pat Liesch

This year, since REST will be held at Emmaus on Friday, December 25 and January 1, we will be opening our doors earlier than usual in order that our REST participants will have a "home" for the holidays.

We are in need of individuals who might like to volunteer their time during the day or evening on those two particular days. REST will be open around noon on those two days, and we need individuals or families to help out.

We will serve a light lunch and supper on both days.

If you cannot volunteer your time, perhaps you might have some special Christmas treats to share with REST. Please bring them to the kitchen in Fellowship Hall on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.

Your time and treats will be greatly appreciated by our REST participants. May you have a blessed holiday season.

P.S.: REST is in immediate need of volunteers for our breakfast shift. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Jim Palmer (681-2363) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).



Dairy Statesmen Give Concert to Benefit REST

The Dairy Statesmen will be the featured entertainers at a concert to benefit the Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce program (REST) at 7:00 p.m. December 6 at Holy Commu-

nion Lutheran Church, 2000 W. Sixth St. Admission will be by a non-perishable food item and a free-will donation. For information, please contact Donna Bumpus at 638-1441.

News from the Pews

WNA Honors Julia Durand

The Wisconsin Nurses' Association awarded Julia Durand an Honorary Life Membership at the WNA's annual



convention in Eau Claire. The life membership was awarded in recognition of her lifetime of service as a registered nurse and as a member of the association since 1932.

Congratulations, Julia, on this outstanding honor!

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 3

by Margaret Christensen

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 3 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Please sign up to provide either a casserole, cake or jello.

The pans and covers are in the

cupboard in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. We also have canned beans and cream of mushroom soup for making the casserole. Thanks to Pat Liesch for the canned goods, and thank you for your continued support of this program..

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 mid-November, Emmaus has earned \$93.00 from the SCRIP program. Watch the January *Visitor* for our schedule for the new year.

Sundays Adopted to Relieve Emmaus Debt

Our thanks to the following, for adopting recent Sundays as part of Emmaus' debt retirement program:

Lowell & Robert Klees and Barb & Wayne Thoen, in memory of Bernice Klees;

Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 4157, in honor of the 96th anniversary of AAL's charter;

George Reichenberger, in memory of his father, George Reichenberger Sr.;

Her secret pal, in memory of Pat French;

Lloyd & Boots LeRoux, in memory of Myrtle LeRoux.

How Can We Help Hurricane Survivors?

Church World Service is making an urgent plea for "Gift of the Heart Kits" for survivors of Hurricane Mitch, which devastated much of Honduras and Nicaragua. Tents,

food, medicine and emergency supplies are being airlifted to those in need, and there is now an urgent need for health kits and baby kits.

If you are making up one or more kits, please include only the listed items:

Bring the completed kits to the church by Wednesday, December 9.

There will be a "noisy offering" for the ELCA Disaster Relief Response on Sunday,

December 6. The Council has also designated the \$189.00 profit from the free will offering at the consecration Sunday brunch to go to those affected by Hurricane Mitch.

Health Kits		Baby Kits	
1 hand towel (new)	4 cloth diapers	1 wash cloth (new)	2 shirts
1 comb (new)	2 washcloths	1 metal nail file	2 gowns or sleepers
1 bath size bar of soap	2 diaper pins	1 toothbrush	1 sweater or sweatshirt
6 bandaids	2 receiving blankets (one can be a knitted blanket)	Bundle all items into the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn.	Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

Northside Food Pantry Report for October

People served: 237
 Money Received \$ 369.00
 Trinity UMC: \$50.00
 Emmaus: \$14.35
 St. Mesrob: \$190.00
 Faith UMC: \$115.25
 Money spent: \$938.42
 Checkbook balance: \$169.91

I am not receiving a monthly report from Project Emergency relating to their support of the Food Pantry. In August, we received 229

cases of food with a value of \$1,367.27. This is free to us; this is the city of Racine at work.






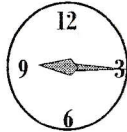
We hope to be able to give turkeys again this year. If your congregation wishes to donate, please deliver them to the Food Pantry the week before Christmas so we will have two or three Pantry days to distribute them.

Merry Christmas to you all!
 Mary Haas
 Food Pantry Coordinator

DECEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

	ACOLYTES	WREATH	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Dec. 5 5:00 pm			Marion Andersen Evelyn Larsen		
Dec. 6 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton	Al & Jan Svendsen	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Team #3 Harold Miller	Jan Svendsen
Dec. 6 10:30 am	Krystle Mayer Ann Liesch	Peter & Marsha Connet family	Maury & Anne Felton	Team #2 Bob Christensen	Margaret Christensen
Dec. 13 8:00 am	Becky Fiebig	Loren & Cindi Larsen family	Jan Svendsen	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Sandy Strini
Dec. 13 10:30 am	Erin Sommer April Falaschi	Sandi Zeleski family		Team #4 Rich Christensen	Karen Sedgwick
Dec. 19 5:00 pm			Shirley Irvine Pat Jensen		
Dec. 20 8:00 am	Katie Sanders	Mark & Traci Purath family	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen	Team #7 John Cook	Ruth Hlavka
Dec. 20 10:30 am	Luke Reischl Danielle Pipol	Liz & Andy Hetchler family		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Tim Van Berg
Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Joel Nuecht. Austin Schultz		Pat Jensen	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	
Dec. 24 10:30 pm	Nath. Albright Chris Sedgwick		Evelyn Larsen	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	
Dec. 27 9:15 am	A. Gueldenzopf Jon Pechman		Bev Hansen	Team #3 Harold Miller	David Christensen
Jan. 2 5:00 pm			Pat LeRoux-Sodke Sandi Zeleski		
Jan. 3 9:15 am	TBA		Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	TBA	Marsha Connet

	ALTAR FLOWERS	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	CANDLES
Dec. 6	Marie Andersen	Marie Andersen	Evelyn Larsen
Dec. 13	Bob & Margaret Christensen	TBA	(through Dec.)
Dec. 20	Lee & Betty Woodward	TBA	
Dec. 27	Marsha Connet	TBA	
Jan. 3	Bill & Kelley Austin		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December, 1998 Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, 53404 Phone 634-5515		1 World AIDS Day 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Atonement	2 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal	3 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	4 7:00 pm REST 	5 9:00 am Church decorating 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6: 2nd Sunday in Advent 8:00 am Worship Service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 9:15 am Blood Pressure checks; Fellowship Hour 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 2:00 pm Caroling	7 6:00 pm Adult Ed Task Force 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee 	8 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	9 1:30 pm WELCA Christmas Party & Cookie Pack 5:30 pm 2nd Wednesday supper: pizza 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm Executive Cmte.	10 7:00 Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'	11 9:00 am Moms' Night Out 7:00 pm REST	12 5:00 pm Worship Service
13 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:00 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer with Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word and Prayer	14 6:30 pm Church council 	15 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS January Visitor deadline	16 6:00 pm Sunrise Singers 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal	17 <i>Keep Christ in Christmas</i> 	18 6:30 pm Lasko-Zyagin rehearsal 7:00 pm REST	19 9:00 am Sun. School program rehearsal 2:00 pm Lasko-Zyagin wedding 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.
20 4th Sunday in Advent 8:00 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program 	21	22 9:00 am Cluster Clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	23 7:00pm Adult Choir rehearsal	24 Christmas Eve 4:30 pm Festival Service with Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candle Light Service with Holy Communion	25 Christmas Day Office closed 12:00 noon REST	26: St. Stephen 5:00 pm Worship Service
27 1st Sunday of Christmas: St. John 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer W/H.C. 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship No Sunday School or Adult Forum 	28 Holy Innocents Annual reports due	29 10:00 am Senior Trip to Domes 5:00 pm TOPS	30 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal	31 New Year's Eve 12:00 noon 1998 offerings due (or postmarked today)	Jan. 1 Office closed 12:00 noon REST	2 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

Emmaus

Name: _____

Home phone: _____

SCRIP

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
Grocery stores				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$10		
Kohl's Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Sentry Foods	4%	\$25, \$10		
Super Saver	4%	\$20, \$10		
Clothing & department stores (see also Shoes)				
Kohl's Department Store	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
ShopKo	4%	\$25, \$10		
J. C. Penney	6%	\$250, \$100, \$25, \$10, debit card		
Sears (not for charge acct/balance)	4%	\$100, \$20, \$10		
Younkers	9%	\$25, \$10		
K-Mart (not for lay-away)	3%	\$50, \$25, \$10		
Casual Corner	19%	\$10		
The Gap	9%	\$10, \$20		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Lillian Vernon	14%	\$20		
Limited	9%	\$10		
Pier One Imports	9%	\$25, \$10		
Spiegel	9%	\$25		
Victoria's Secret	14%	\$10, \$25		
The Disney Store	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Work	18%	\$10		
August Max Woman	19%	\$10		
T. J. Maxx/Marshalls	10%	\$25, \$10		
Old Navy	9%	\$10, \$25		
Sporting goods stores				
Sports Authority	8%	\$10		
Bookstores, Office Supply				
B. Dalton's	9%	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Walden Books	8%	\$10		
Office Max	4%	\$25, \$10		
Stereo, video equipment; video rental; movie theatres				
Best Buy	2%	\$50		
Circuit City	3%	\$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Radio Shack	4%	\$25		
Suncoast Movies	19%	\$10		

Fabrics; Toy stores				
Joanne Fabrics	10%	\$10		
Kay-Bee/Toy Work	9%	\$10		
Kid's/Toys я Us	3%	\$10, \$5		
Shoe stores				
Footlocker	9%	\$25, \$10		
Payless Shoes	9%	\$10		
Menards	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10		
Pier One	9%	\$25, \$10		
Travel; service stations				
American Airlines	18%	\$50		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$5		
Shell Oil	2%	\$50, \$20, \$10		
Speedway	4%	\$5 certificates		
Marriott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns)	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	13%	\$10		
Restaurants				
Applebee's	9%	\$10		
Bob Evans	9%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's	9%	\$10		
Chili's	13%	\$10		
Chuck E. Cheese	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$5		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Perkins	9%	\$5		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Ponderosa	9%	\$5		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	14%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$5		
			TOTAL	\$

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. 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. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

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. 1: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. Al Beck: On the Road Again
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games
- Dec. 8: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. TBA
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games
- Dec. 15: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. TBA
 11:55 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games
- Dec. 22: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. Marion Keller: 12 Days of Christmas
 11:55 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games
- Dec. 29: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
 10:30 a.m. Trip to Mitchell Park Domes
 11:45 a.m. Devotions
 12:00 noon Birthday lunch
 1:00 p.m. Games



December Birthdays - 70 Years and Over

Dec. 1	Harry Larsen	5315 Norman Street	53406
Dec. 2	Mary Larsen	3900 N. Main St., #224	53402
Dec. 8	Wally Runge	3140 Wood Road #15	53406
Dec. 14	Esther Jensen	3900 N. Main St., #212	53402
Dec. 21	Donald LaFave	1016 Kentucky Street	53405

Only You Can Prevent Christmas Tree Fires

by Carol Eschmann

November, December, and January are the leading months for home fires and fire deaths in the U.S., according to the National Fire Protection Association. These fire prevention tips may prevent unexpected guests at your holiday festivities—particularly your local firefighters.

The Humana Health Tips suggests the following fire safety measures:

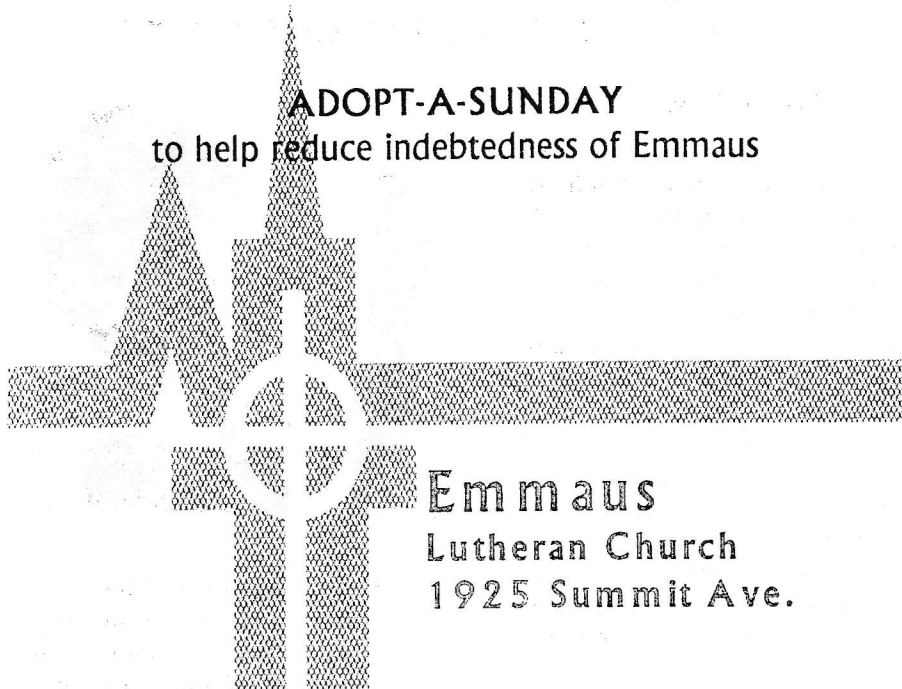
- Install smoke alarms. It is critical that every home has a smoke alarm on every level. Test smoke alarms every month. You can use a broom handle or cane to push the test button. The alarm will go off for a few seconds and stop on its own. If the test button doesn't set off the alarm, you should replace the batteries immediately.
- Remember EDITH—Exit Drills In The Home. If you have a fire in your home and the normal exit is blocked, do you know how else to get out? Set up your escape plan and then practice it so you'll be prepared.
- Turn off space heaters if you leave the room or go to bed. Remember to put out fireplace fires when you are ready to sleep for the night.
- Don't leave the kitchen when you cook. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires during the holiday months.



- Keep the stove hazard-free.
- Always keep your stove top wiped clean. Grease can accumulate and ignite. Keep pot holders, spoon racks and spices off the stove top. Don't hang them over the stove. Also, remember to keep pot handles turned in. Don't cook in garments with loose, flowing sleeves.
- If you celebrate Christmas with a live tree, pick the freshest tree you can find. Run your hand down the pine branch. If you have four or more needles in your hand, pick another tree. Remember to water your tree daily. Do not leave home with the tree lights on.

It is my prayer for each of you that your Christmas season will be happy and healthy, and that the spirit of the Christ child will be present as you prepare and worship.

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: _____

Letters

Bev Rautenberg Sends Thanks for Ordination Gift

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Emmaus,

Wow! I'm just beginning to see some sanity return to my life. ... I apologize for the delay in expressing my thanks to you.

...
Thank you for remembering me. Your gift of the wood hewn cross will soon grace the study wall. It is magnificent — a gracious sign of God's love.

I dearly thank you for your guidance you shared and the help and support expressed during seminary training.

Love,
Bev Rautenberg

The above is excerpted from a much longer letter. The complete letter from "Rev. Bev" is posted on the bulletin board outside our church office for anyone who wishes to catch up on how she has settled in as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Primghar, Iowa.

*Zion Youth Group Says Thanks
So Much!*

To the members of Emmaus Lutheran Church:

Thank you so much for

supporting our toy drive. A big thank you to your secretary for placing reminders in the bulletins. Our *grand* total is 1,077 toys! We consider our toy drive a success because of your generosity.

Thanks again,
Zion Youth Group

*Clothing Benefits Needy
Appalachians*

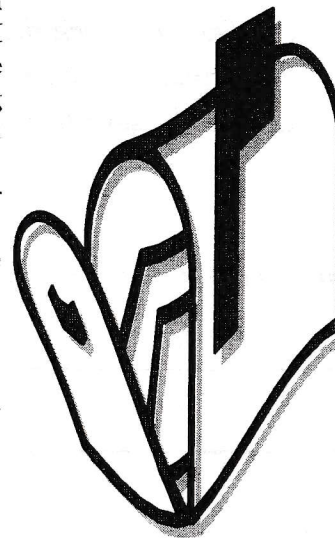
Dear Good Women,
Thank you for the clothing you sent to us by way of Carol and Emmert Dose. Every year they bring things to us to help our people here in the mountains of Kentucky.

We depend on generous people like you to help our poor people. We do not have Goodwill or others organizations here in the area. The churches do a lot of outreach.

God bless you with peace and keep you.

Love in Christ,
Sister Alice Retzner

Carol and Emmert Dose came to our rummage sale in September and packed every nook and cranny of their bags with clothing. Once the women running the sale discovered that the Doses intended to donate the bags to Sister Alice's charity in Beattyville, KY, the women allowed them to take the items at no charge.





ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

time is here, folks! Please order more poinsettias of the Christmas color in the church. You may order as many as you like, and pick them up at the Christmas Eve Service, or designate them to be sent to a shut-in.

red # white # pink

Please reserve _____ poinsettia(s) at \$7.50 each, for:

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.

Deadline to order and make payment is December 14, 1998. 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:

Just for KIDS crossword puzzle with clues like 'Baby Jesus' bed', 'heavenly messenger', 'Mary's husband', etc. Includes star illustrations and a drawing of two crayons.

Final answer: Glory to God manger, angel, Joseph, star, Mary, Bethlehem, gold, Magi, cloths, shepherd

Millions for Mitch: Lutherans Respond



Diomedes stood in the waist-high hole, *digging down* into the wet sand and mud left behind by Hurricane Mitch — *digging down* to the front door of his neighbor's house. Mitch, the most devastating storm to hit Central America in centuries, left 11,000 dead and the roads and infrastructure of Honduras and Nicaragua in shambles. Years of work with partner churches and agencies in Honduras and Nicaragua were swept away — work that was helping the poor build a more hopeful future. Recovery from this “unimaginable disaster” will take decades.

Our church sent \$30,000 to help as soon as communication was restored. In the next chaotic days of the crisis, we dispatched \$300,000 in quilts and clothing through Lutheran World Relief, the agency through which we work cooperatively with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Now the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeals and these two partners have launched *Millions for Mitch* — a call for millions of U.S. Lutherans to make a commitment to walk with the millions now homeless in Central America as long as it takes to recover . . . millions of Lutherans who will pray, act, and *dig down* to give a special “third mile” gift. The dream: to raise more than a million dollars to help survivors rebuild their lives. Please give generously either through your congregation or directly to:

ELCA World Hunger

ELCA International Disaster Response
P.O. Box 71764
Chicago, IL 60694-1764

To give by credit card, call: 1-800-638-3522.

100 percent of gifts designated “Hurricane Mitch” in the memo line of your check will be used to help victims of this disaster.

For updates: www.elca.org/dgm/disaster/mitch.html

Elsewhere in Our Area

Lutherdale Hosts Norwegian Christmas Festival

Mark your calendars and join Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, WI, for a Norwegian Christmas Festival, to be held on Sunday, December 6. The day begins at 10:00 with coffee and kringle and options to visit Norwegian craft displays and sales.

Rev. John Eyster will return to lead the traditional *Gudstjeneste* Christmas worship service in Norwegian with English text at 11:00

a.m. *Middag*, a Norwegian *Julebord* will be served at 12:15. The *Julefest* program will begin at 1:30. The Stoughton Dancers will perform Norwegian folk dancing with traditional walking around the Christmas tree.

Advanced ticket reservations are required. Reservation forms are in our church office.

Racine Chorus Presents American Carols

Usher in the holiday season with the Racine Symphonic Chorus' annual concert. This season's concert features an entire new line-up of hymns and carols written or arranged by American composers. Bring your loved ones to hear the story that's been told a thousand times with the lessons presented by local dignitaries and music that never fails to touch the heart.



The concert is Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Convent Chapel, 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for students and seniors, and free for children under 12 who are accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are available at all Johnson Bank locations in Racine and Kenosha, the Racine Arts Council office, or by calling the Chorus Hotline at 634-7669.

Foster Grandparents Sought

The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for seniors (over 60) who love children to work as paid volunteers 20 hours per week in child care centers and schools in Racine and Kenosha Counties.

Foster grandparents fill a critical need in the lives of young children through loving touch and positive comforting contact, providing a stable

relationship for the children and keeping them safe. These consistent, nurturing, structured and enriching experiences can lead to a flexible, empathetic, and intelligent adult.

If you are a resident of Racine or Kenosha County and are interested in becoming a foster grandparent, or want more information, please call Sandy Brandt at 554-1200.

Growing with Change

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

The Church Council has officially decided to go with one of the biggest changes a congregation can make together: the Sunday morning schedule. We are moving to one Sunday worship at 9:15 a.m., with Sunday school following at 10:30 (and keeping the Saturday worship as is).

And I'd like to share with you why this change is "growing on me" more each day. Many of you are aware that, when the change was first suggested at the May 17 congregational meeting and then seriously discussed, I was not in favor of it.

Several things have happened in the interim, however. First, we had a very positive summer worship experience with one 9:15 service. The comments continued into the fall cottage meetings: people love to have the church more full than empty. The 'clincher' for Pastor Mary and I was recently hearing of a success story: Mt. Zion Lutheran in Wauwatosa a year ago made the same change we are about to make, and it has been a very positive experience for them. It has been a change that they have even grown with.

And that describes the overall difference for me. This fall I have been challenged as a pastor, as never before, that the church needs to *grow with change*. It is a theme that Pastor Mary and I shared with those who attended this year's cottage meetings. Increasingly, those who study the

church at our time and place in history are finding that substantial changes are needed. To put it bluntly, those churches who are unwilling to change in some pretty basic ways are declining; and the churches which are willing to risk the necessary changes are the ones which are growing. And the quality of a congregation's worship experience is always a key factor.

One way in which the openness to change was brought home to me again recently was in an article by church expert Herb Miller, called "Identifying Your Church's Planning Cliches." He identifies 37 common sayings in churches that tend to stifle creativity. Among them, for example, is one that might be crucial for us in making this schedule change: "Our parking lot is too small; but if people really want to attend our church, they shouldn't mind having to walk a block or two." Having everyone together at the same service might mean having to examine this cliché sometime in our future.

Under the worship-related sayings, Miller lists this one: "If people really want to attend our church, being a little short on seating space will not keep them away." But this represents the opposite problem of most churches today! And Miller doesn't mention its opposite, a point of conventional church wisdom that I kept clinging to at first in May. It goes something like this: "A church can

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Pastor Paul's column, continued

never grow by taking away worship options."

Quite frankly, I now feel strongly that it is time for us to challenge this cliché. And with the overwhelming support from members at the November 15 meetings, I feel like we are together on this. In fact, many of you were probably ahead of me because I was still clinging to that conventional wisdom about worship options that even "experts" like Herb Miller still cling to. The bottom line is this: There comes a point when the overall quality of our worship experience outweighs the number of

options we offer. And how full the worship space is makes a huge difference to the quality of our worship experience. To those of you who may have realized this for quite a while now, thanks for being patient with me!

Let us relish our Advent and Christmas worship this month, and then be ready to ring in the New Year with a change we can grow with. May the Lord bless for us the holy days ahead.

In the Spirit's love,

Thank You to Youth for Leading Worship!

Thank you to the Emmaus youth who took part in Youth Sunday on November 15: Heather Miller, Erin Tussler, Ken and Eric Larsen, Laura & Jen & Mel Olson, Ellie Reischl, Jill Lynch, Justin Svoboda, Willie Maryland, Seth Yust, Joel Nuechterlein, Nathan Albright, Kristen Clinton, Becky Fiebig, Rebecca Gottfredsen, Matt & P.J. Liesch, Brad & April Falaschi, Jon Pechman, Alex Gueldenzopf, Austin Schultz & Chris Sedgwick, Alyssa Yorgan, Danielle Pipol.

The whole congregation has been marvelling at the great job you all did!

December Youth Birthdays

Dec. 4 Jordan Christensen 5
Dec. 4 Allison Fiebig 8

Dec. 7 Erin Balthazar 3
Dec. 9 Jacob Dresen 6
Dec. 10 Willie Maryland 14
Dec. 11 Ellie Reischl 16
Dec. 14 Samuel Hierseman 4
Dec. 14 Adam Rasmussen 3
Dec. 16 Callie Konsinowski 16
Dec. 16 Lynda Ustymowicz 16
Dec. 22 Josh Nuechterlein 7
Dec. 24 Becky Fiebig 15
Dec. 25 Amy Nelson 15
Dec. 25 Brandie Pedrosa 14
Dec. 27 Eric Oertel 7
Dec. 27 Laura Olson 12
Dec. 28 Danielle Pipol 13
Dec. 29 Ashley Christensen 7
Dec. 29 Kristen Clinton 15
Dec. 29 Ashley Lamberton 12
Dec. 30 Renee Galligan 6
Dec. 30 Alexander Villalobos 1
Dec. 31 Seth Yust 16

December Worship Opportunities

- Saturday, Dec. 5 Thankoffering service with Holy Communion, in the Sunset Room, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 6 Thankoffering service with Holy Communion, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 12 Worship service, Sunset Room, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 13 Service of Word & Prayer with Holy Communion, 8:00 a.m.
Service of Word & Prayer, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 19 Worship service with Holy Communion, in the Sunset Room, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 20 Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Christmas Program, 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Festival Service with Holy Communion, 4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service with Holy Communion, 10:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 26 Worship service, in the Sunset Room, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 27 Service of Word & Prayer with Holy Communion, 9:15 a.m.

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