



The Echoes Emanuel Lutheran Church

May 2014

BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE CLOSE OF THE AGE

ABOUT US

From the President

by Suzanne Wilke, Council President

What a glorious Holy Week we had at Emanuel. On Maundy Thursday, we celebrated the Last Supper, including the washing of feet and Holy Communion. On Good Friday, we mourned with Christ's followers as we saw him crucified. On Easter Sunday, we rejoiced that our Savior is risen! What a joy to see our sanctuary full. Close to 200 members and visitors filled the room to hear the good news proclaimed. Our own Pr. Will Kroeze, son of Arie and Paula Kroeze was Pastor for these three services. **Pr. Will, who was on vacation here, has been called to serve Calvary Lutheran Church in Hauppauge, NY, and we wish him God's blessings.**

Each Sunday has seen attendance grow. On Palm Sunday there were 109 worshippers. I counted 185 at Easter service and kept seeing people at breakfast that I had missed. If you have not attended church since we have gone to one

service, please give it a try. There is such an energy and feeling of joy throughout the church on Sunday mornings.

A big thank you to the work crew the Saturday before Easter: Pat and Dick Norquist, Debbie VanDiepen, Chris Schmidt, Brian, Lori and Connor Skustad, Paula and Arie Kroeze. Another big thank you to the youth, their parents and Chris Schmidt for the fabulous Easter breakfast. Thanks, too, to all who attended and donated to the youth fund.

We are now waiting for the Bishop to send us a list of potential pastors so that we can begin the interview process.

Finally, members of the Emanuel family, keep up the good work. You are amazing. It is a pleasure to serve you and work with you.



Emanuel is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Sunday Worship:
9:30 am

Sunday Adult Bible Study:
8:30 am

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Monday 8am–1pm
Tuesday 8am–11am
Wednesday 8am–1pm
Thursday 8am–11am
Friday Closed

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Stewardship Ministry Message

Submitted by the Emanuel Stewardship Team

The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

The life of Jesus was a life of giving. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, restored hope to the hopeless, and handed out a countless number of second chances. Though He had little money, He was generous -- lavishly so -- with those in need.

More than once, Jesus healed lepers, returning to them both their health and their acceptance in the community. He generously returned a son to his grieving mother and a daughter to her desperate centurion father. He gave these people what they needed most and could not obtain for themselves. And He gave without thought of reciprocation.

Are you willing to be that kind of giver, the God kind? The Bible teaches that by the Holy Spirit's power in your life, you can be that kind of giver too! You can be generous in your prayers, your words of encouragement, and your smiles.

There are needs at Emanuel: Family Promise, Fellowship, Worship, Property, Emanuel's Youth Group, etc. And you can share what you have of a material nature as God leads you.

Can you think of a member you haven't seen in church for several

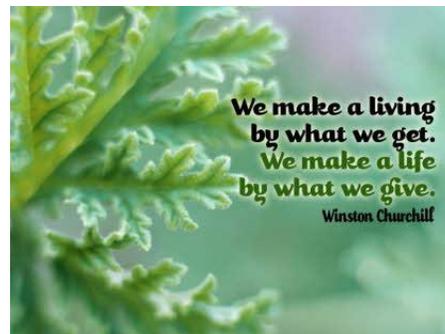


weeks? How about giving them a call to find out why and if they have a need for help?

As you learn to give as God gives, you will be sharing His heart of compassion and love for a hurting, struggling humanity. It's hard to be any closer to God than that.

George Sweeting says: "For the Macedonian Christians, giving was not a chore but a challenge, not a burden but a blessing. Giving was not something to be avoided, but a privilege to be desired."

To whom can you be a generous giver today?



OUR MISSION

Sharing Christ's transforming grace with everyone.

OUR VISION

Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond. We share a passion to nurture children, youth, and young adults.

We aspire to grow in numbers and in Christian maturity in order to minister more effectively to a larger congregation and to a changing community.

We seek always to be led by God's spirit and to respond joyfully to God's desire for our congregation.

BOOK OF FAITH RESOLUTION

Emanuel Lutheran Church, committing ourselves to live in and from the Word of God in all our meetings, assemblies, and events so that as we regularly and increasingly hear, read, study, share, and are engaged by God's Word, we lead by example in faithful service and holy living.

Termite Update

by Resource Ministry

Clarke Pest Control has completed the eradication of our infestation of subterranean termites. This process involved substantial excavation, concrete drilling, and chemical treatment.



As you know, we had to prune and clean up around the property to enable access to the areas that needed treatment and to provide clearance for tenting the main church building. The College Avenue side of the building has a new visage as a result of removing the cypress that was too close to the building. Our intrepid lumberjacks, Chris Schmidt and Brian Skustad, completed this task free of personal injury and without damaging the building or other landscaping. Chris proved herself to be a chainsaw master and Brian knew how to direct the fall.



Nearly all of the interior wood repairs have also been completed, although some work remains.

Through serendipity, our kitchen gas odor is now gone for good. Our termites were able to do something that PG&E was unable to accomplish, lead us to the source of the problem! During the excavation, the Clarke workers smelled gas and traced the source to an old, unneeded, but leaking pipe located beneath Augustana Hall, adjacent to the kitchen. Who knew termites could bring blessings as well as grief? Dick Norquist immediately called a plumber who promptly repaired the pipe connection. Enduring, perplexing problem suddenly gone!

Clarke has scheduled the dry wood termite eradication for the week of June 30. The Day Care facility and the church office will be closed that week but Sunday worship will not be disrupted. The basic plan is to erect the tent on Monday, destroy the



termites on Tuesday, and remove the tent and cleanup on Wednesday.



We need to remove all food products from the kitchen before June 30. Plates and utensils need not be removed. We need volunteers to complete that activity and restore the kitchen afterwards. If you can help, please let us know.

We will purchase Clarke's extended warranty for at least 3 years, which includes a complete re-inspection during the third year with retreatment in the event of any recurrence.

Thanks, everyone, for your help in getting this problem under control and for your future help in finishing the required work. If you donate money to help pay for the solution, that would also be much appreciated.

May News

New Council Members Needed

Are you looking for an area to serve at Emanuel? Consider becoming a member of the Church Council. Positions begin in June. See Bill Reinheimer or any Council member and they'll steer you in the right direction.

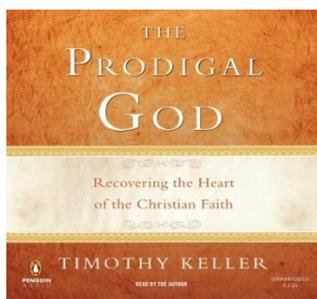
Congregational Meeting

We must hold a Congregational Meeting to elect our new Church Council members. The date for this meeting is now set for June 1.



Adult Bible Study

Please join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 in Luther Hall for Adult Bible Study. On May 4 (delayed by one week), we'll begin a six week study of Tim Keller's book, "The Prodigal God: Finding Your Place at the Table". Most of us think we already know the moral of the parable of the Prodigal Son, but Keller invites us to take a fresh look at it, and in the process we discover that Jesus had something entirely different in mind when he first shared it with the Pharisees.



"There are two ways to be your own Savior and Lord," says Keller. "One is by breaking all the moral laws and setting your own course, and one is by keeping all the moral laws and being very, very good."

It's not too late to join us. If we don't have enough books we can get more very quickly!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Are you looking for a great Bible Study Group? If so, consider joining the Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study, which meets in Katie's Room at 9:30 every Thursday morning.

We are now studying the Book of Colossians. Come and join us -- all are welcome.



Women of the ELCA

Marsha Waggoner and Kristine Kraft will be attending the Ninth Triennial Gathering in NC on July 24-27. In-kind gifts are about relationships and partnerships. They are a way for all women to participate in the triennial gathering, whether attending the event or not. If you would like to contribute, Marsha and Kristine will take the following gifts to Charlotte, NC:

- **Gift Cards:** Gift cards can be purchased in any amount, beginning with a minimum of \$10, from the following national retailers: Target, Walmart, and K-mart. Visa cards are also welcome.
- **Hygiene items:** Toothbrushes (in original packaging), dental floss, wide-toothed hair combs and brushes.

- **Clothing:** Socks in any size and color for women, teen girls and teen boys.

If you prefer to donate by check, please make your check to Emanuel's WELCA. Then we will write one check from Emanuel's WELCA to take to the Gathering.

Thank you for giving.

Lutheran Laughs

The "Church Basement Ladies" sequel, "A Second Helping", is playing at Fallon House Theater in Columbia until June 8. You won't want to miss out on the fun. The Lutheran ladies from small-town Minnesota in 1969 will keep you laughing with them. You'll probably recognize one of the women or pastor as someone you've known. For reservations, call Sierra Repertory Theatre at (209) 532-3120.



Vacation Bible School

Planning is under way for a family-oriented, possibly evening, Vacation Bible School this summer. If you have ideas that you would like to contribute, please speak to Lois Owen or Paula Barton.

Table Cloths

If you have table cloths that you took home to wash, please return them as soon as possible.

College Area Neighborhood Alliance (CANA)

The Emanuel Lutheran Outreach Ministry would like to reach out to the community around us and to those who share space in our church. The College Area Neighborhood Alliance (CANA) is one of those groups.



CANA works hard to make our neighborhood a safer, friendlier and cleaner area in which to live, to work and to worship.

Your ELC Outreach Ministry would like to extend a hand to help keep our neighborhood clean. Please come and help if you can. Bring gloves, CANA will provide bags to put trash and trimmings into.

CANA Virginia Corridor Clean-Up

- ➔ Saturday, May 10, 2014
- ➔ 9:00 am to 11:00 am

March Financial Report

While these numbers are encouraging, please keep in mind that we are currently paying neither a Pastor's salary and expenses nor an Administrator's. Also Day Care's required wage increases may affect their financial position. Note also that the Building Fund continues to be in the red.

	INCOME	EXPENSES	MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS
General Fund (operations only)	21,942	(9,928)	12,014
Building Fund (Including fundraisers)	5,930	(7,170)	(1,240)
Day Care (operations only)	23,847	(19,374)	4,473
TOTALS	51,719	(36,472)	15,247

➔ Meet at the playground, corner of Morris and Virginia.

See you there Emanuel Lutheran Congregation!

Help Our Youth



Let's pray for God's direction for Emanuel's Youth, who meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5 pm in the Youth Room (unless an activity takes them someplace else).

Emanuel's youth have been without a youth director for a long time. Our youth, the future of Emanuel, need our help. Maybe you can help by providing a light meal, leading a Bible study, organizing an activity, or leading a Youth Choir. These roles can be shared by several members and be very fulfilling for all involved.

Please speak to Lori Skustad about helping out.

Circle Meetings

Leah Circle meets Monday, May 8 at 7 pm at Mary Murray's home.

Rebecca circle meets Thursday, May 15, 1:30 pm, in the home of Joyce

Bachmann. Our study will be from the Gather Magazine "In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women", Session 9 "Rahab, A Faithful Businesswoman".

Lydia Circle meets Monday, May 19, 7:30 pm at Pat Smith's home.

Priscilla Circle meets Thursday, May 22 at 7 pm.

Modesto CROP Hunger Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local volunteers to raise funds to end hunger. The Zero Hunger Challenge aims for a future where every individual has access to the nutrition they need to lead healthy, productive lives. The Modesto Walk is Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 1229 E Fairmont Ave. Registration begins at 9:30 am and Walk starts at 10:00 am. Flyers with more information are on a table in the Narthex.



Palm Sunday at Emanuel

Photos by Mike Clarke



May Birthdays

Birthday Blessing Sunday is May 25

David Fauskin
May 1

Sue Allen
May 4

Azaria Martinez
May 4

Ray Simon
May 4

Rose Epting
May 9

Charles Allen
May 10

William Castleberry
May 10

Patricia Gabrielson
May 13

Kay Altmas
May 16

Mary Cline
May 16

Michael Rokaitis
May 16

Jill Klentz
May 18

Betty Mason
May 19

Ellen Barton
May 23

Kim Peterson
May 25

Jack Smith
May 26

Michael Clarke
May 29



R.G. Crawford
May 30

Brett Shank
May 30

Lois Tollefson-Silva
May 30

Kathleen Obermeyer
May 31

May Prayer Requests

New Prayer Requests:

- Helen Deve: health (Crawford)
- Ali Moraitis: health (Watkins)

- Pam Forrette: healing (Salonen)
- Mary Christopherson: healing (O'Hare)

Our Members:

- Drew Shank
- Ben Knoll
- Lori Knoll
- Dee Woodbury
- Susan Hayes
- Dianne Santana

Our Homebound Members:

- Harvey Hardel
- Florence Broden
- Kay Altmas
- Shelda Fritts
- Alma Johnson

Our Family:

- Steve & Nancy Jeske (B. Norquist)
- Melody Saldivar (Saldivar)
- Joyce Shockley (Nelson)
- Sharon (Owen)
- Sarah Robertson (Murray)
- James Sullivan (Hollmann)
- John Smith (P. Smith)
- Marsha Schlipman (Nelson)
- Jack Peterson (Peterson)
- Geraldine Walton (Hollmann)
- Boyce and Norma Lutes (Teaney)
- Ian McKenzie (Schmidt)
- Julia Polillio (Silva)
- Jason Odoms: surgery (Castleberry)
- Tami Garza (J. Johnson)

Our Friends:

- Devon (Fritts)
- Roger Warner (Schmidt)
- Barbara (Owen)
- Rosie Eqsedal (Nelson)
- Jeanne (Watkins)
- John Turner (Turner)
- Nancy (L. Owen)
- Tim O'Roerk (Murray)
- Bud Stone & family (Reinheimer)
- Marc Weiss & family (Reinheimer)
- Keith & Lenny (Schmidt)
- Jennifer (Watkins)
- Donna Thayer (Peterson)
- Linda and Dave (Watkins)
- Kent and Sarah Walton (Teaney)
- Wayne & Beverly Knox (Teaney)
- Shawn Knutson (Wilke)
- Rev. Benny and Regina Bush
- Lynn Ferrini (Crawford)
- Jordan (K. Dailey)
- Irene Whitmore: healing (Rowland)
- Karen & Michelle (Watkins)

We Pray for Peace in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

- Ryan Dangerfield, USAF in Lakenheath Air Base, England and Joey Sabel, USMC in North Carolina (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law)
- Timothy Kramer in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother)
- Ryan Powell, USN, Connecticut (grandson of Yvonne Troedson)

Epilogue

(You may safely skip this...)

by Mike Epting, Echoes Editor

At the April Ministry Meeting, Paula Barton asked me if I knew of a good lectionary app for her iPhone. Unfortunately I did not (but I have since found one for my smartphone). I agreed to add a link to the ELCA's lectionary on our website (go to www.emanuellutheran.org and click "Our Church / External Links"). My search for the right information, as usual, led me to learn a whole bunch of stuff unrelated to the original problem.



The ELCA and nearly all organized English-speaking Christian churches use a common lectionary. As a result, if you walk into a Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Missouri Synod Lutheran (gasp!), Episcopal, or Methodist church, you will likely hear the same Gospel that we hear at Emanuel that Sunday. The list of denominations that have agreed to use the "Revised Common Lectionary" is quite breathtaking; I have listed only a fraction of them. Frankly, I was astonished to learn that this many Christians had agreed on anything.

But wait, there's more! Did you know that nearly all of these churches also have agreed to common usage of The Lord's Prayer, the Kyrie Eleison, the Nicene Creed, the Apostle's

Creed, the Sursum Corda, and many other oft-used texts? Some of the churches have, with good hearts, agreed, but altered a word or two to better fit their specific theologies.

When we say the Sursum Corda:

- 1 The Lord be with you.
- 2 And also with you.
- 3 Lift up your hearts.
- 4 We lift them to the Lord.
- 5 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 6 It is right to give our thanks and praise



I was amazed that Roman Catholics say exactly the same, but omit "our" in the last line. Our Missouri Synod brothers and sisters prefer to substitute "him" for "our", not because they think God is male, but because "our" causes an "undesired shift away from the One who is being thanked and praised to those who are doing the thanking and praising".

Back to the Lectionary: the ELCA website explains that "Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B" (likely

because Mark is the "Reader's Digest" Gospel; it is much shorter than the others).

We are currently in Year A, the first of the three-year cycle. Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. The semicontinuous Old Testament readings focus on major Genesis narratives, the covenant with Moses, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land. The second New Testament readings are from Romans, Philippians and 1 Thessalonians. (I can't tell you anything about this picture, except that it is the icon for Year A.)



After all these churches had agreed on a common lectionary for Sundays and principal festivals, first published in 1983, they went on to develop a lectionary for daily use, first published in 2005. They say: "In order to accent the relationship of Sunday and the other days of the week, this lectionary proposes that the daily readings revolve around Sunday as the axis of the week. The weekly cycle begins on Thursday with scripture that prepares the people of God to hear with more understanding the readings to be proclaimed on the approaching Sunday. The cycle continues on Monday through Wednesday with readings that extend and reflect on the themes of the Sunday readings."

The "Mass Lectionary and Preaching" app includes the complete texts for all the daily readings, including Sundays. Thanks to what I had learned, I knew that this Catholic app works for us, too. So, Paula, look for that one. It cost me \$2.99.

Emanuel Calendar of Events May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Bible Study	2 Office Closed 10:30 am L. Thurston burial @ Santa Nella	3 10:00 am Organ practice 11:00 am Louise Thurston Memorial @ Emanuel
4 9:30 am Worship Service	5 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Harden	6 7:00 pm PFLAG Meeting	7 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	8 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 am Leah Circle @ Murray	9 Office Closed 3:00 pm Intl. Students Oscar Party 5:00 pm Breakout Baseball Club	10 10:00 am Organ practice
11 10:30 Youth Refresh. 9:30 am Worship Service	12 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Harden	13	14 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Ministry Meeting	15 9:30 am Bible Study	16 Office Closed 5:00 pm Breakout Baseball Club	17 10:00 am Organ practice 6:00 pm MJC Woodwinds 7:30 pm Flute Program
18 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Downey Chorus	19 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm LYDIA @ Smith	20 7:00 pm PFLAG Social Evening	21 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm CANA 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	22 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Priscilla Circle	23 Office Closed 5:00 pm Breakout Baseball Club	24 FAMILY PROMISE 10:00 am Organ practice
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