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The Echoes Emanuel Lutheran Church December 2014

THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN

ABOUT US

From the President

by Suzanne Wilke, Council President

I spent last week in Hawaii. While there I learned some Hawaiian words. Of course, most of us know that *aloha* is used for hello and good-by. I also learned that *mahalo* is the word for thank you, an important word to know in any language. But the most interesting word/concept that I learned was *ohana*. *Ohana* is the word for family.

When we got on a tour bus we were introduced to the concept of *ohana*. We became *cousins* for the duration of the trip. We looked after one another to make sure no one was left behind. What a change in feeling occurred as we were instructed to greet one another with an "*Aloha, cousin!*" Suddenly everyone would be laughing and finding out what we had in common with our new relatives.

It's kind of like that at Emanuel. If you make a commitment to the

church in the form of making a pledge, bringing refreshments, sharing a dish at a potluck, volunteering to usher, reading a lesson, being a lay assistant, serving on a committee or as a Council member, you are, in a sense, embracing the concept of *ohana*.

You may not always agree with the way things turn out, but we are still family. I know many of you are hurting because of the failure to call Pr. Cary Bass-Deschenes, but I implore you to put this behind you. Let's move forward, respectful of one another's opinions, keeping our eyes on God.

Let's let God work good out of this so that we can call a pastor and get about the business of sharing our faith with the church family, the community and the world.

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Servant of the Month:

David Holtz

Give Thanks to God!

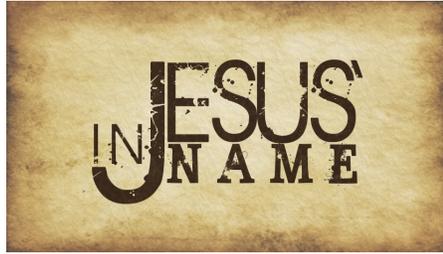
Submitted by Stewardship Team

God has given us so much: life, health, talents, knowledge, family, home, friends, faith, our Emanuel community, love, joy, etc. Why?

God loves us so much that he gave His only son to die on the cross for our forgiveness of sins. We deserve none of this. We are justified by His grace and we only need faith in Jesus Christ. What are you thankful for?

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17



Challenge yourself to thank God for 2 different blessings daily for a month. Keep track of your many blessings with a list. God is so good!

What have you given back to God?

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.

What's Next in Our Search for a Pastor?

Submitted by Paula Kroeze, Call Committee

On November 9, in a special meeting the congregation voted **not** to call Cary Bass-Deschenes as the next pastor for Emanuel. The call committee truly felt that Cary was God's choice for our pastor and we were looking forward to an exciting new ministry here.

After the meeting the call committee met with the Bishop. The Bishop shared with us that in his experience a congregation has never rejected the call committee's recommendation. We discussed the next steps. First, we all agreed that we are committed to remain together as the call committee. Also, we want to get back to work

as quickly as possible. The Bishop recommended that we update the congregational profile, which will not take long because only minor changes are needed. The Bishop's office will begin identifying additional candidates. Then it is back to what we have done before.

Again, working with the Bishop's office, lots of prayer, meetings, Skype interviews with each candidate we receive a profile on, onsite interviews, meetings. Then we will either present another candidate for call at Emanuel or get a new list from the Bishop.

The call committee has, since its beginning, been dedicated to

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.

prayerfully find and follow God's will in our search for Emanuel's next pastor. We will continue to do so. We ask for the continued prayers of the congregation as we renew our search.

Paula Kroeze, Call Committee, Vice Chair.

Servant of the Month

This month we recognize David Holtz for his faithful service to Emanuel. David is our congregation's Vice President and fills in for Suzanne Wilke when required. He leads our Outreach Ministry (see his Giving Tree note on this month's news page).

He is the major force behind Emanuel's support of Family Promise, often preparing single-handedly for hosting our guest families. He transforms our hall into bedrooms, makes beds, and reverses the transformation at the end of the week. We are proud of Emanuel's participation in this vital outreach, but we must give Dave nearly all the credit.

David leads group singing at Emanuel's Daycare every Thursday. At a recent Council meeting he led

us in song and requested that we whistle a verse. Since most of us did not know the tune, we were severely challenged. Dave informed us that the preschoolers whistle much better than our council members.

At nearly every special event at Emanuel, David leads us in singing, including leading us in neighborhood caroling at Christmas.

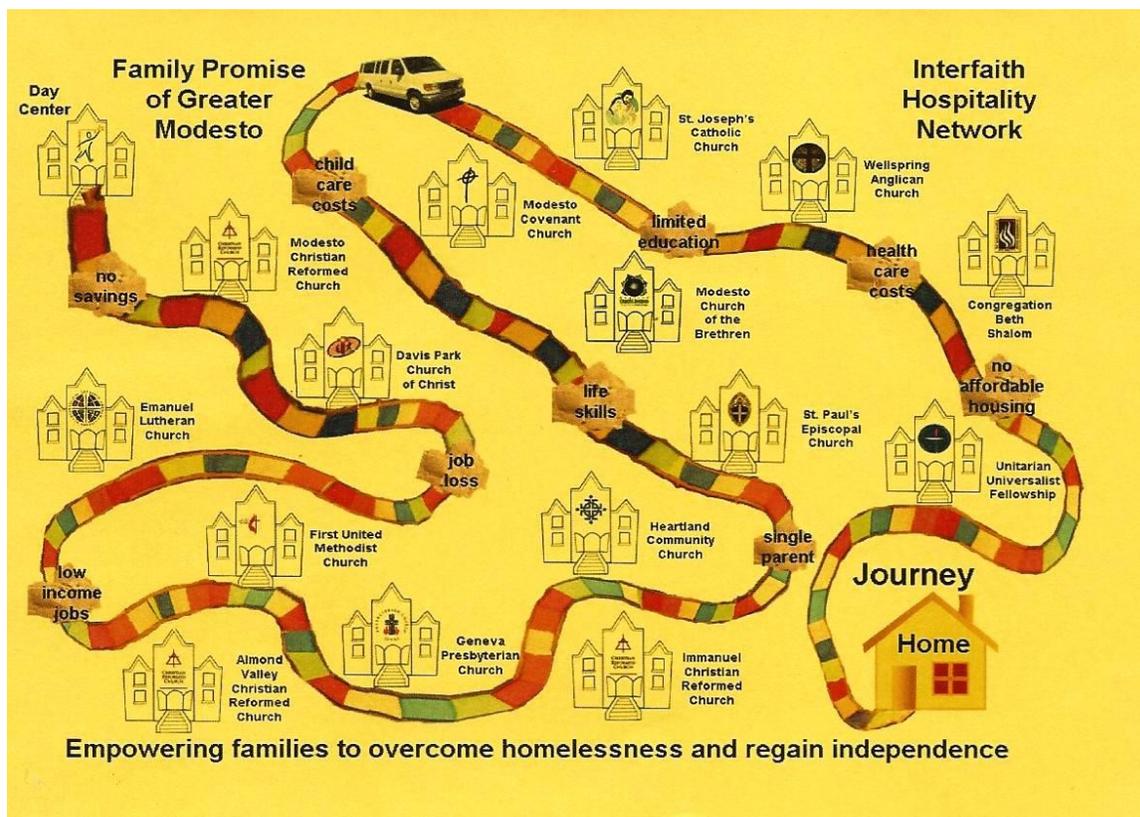
In the October Echoes, David wrote an article about the Emanuel Yard Crew. The truth is that he mows all our lawn areas pretty much by



himself. When you observe how good our lawns look, think of David.

David has also been heavily involved in Habitat for Humanity and has helped build many homes for people who could otherwise not afford to own their own dwelling.

Please remember to thank Dave for all that he does for us!



Patchwork Quilt

by Virginia Dall



We were nine at the table, four facing three one on each end, with turkey and side dishes there in the middle.



We spoke of diversity on the national scene.

We too were a patchwork quilt with a few wide differences.



Age, for instance: seven, sixteen, two at thirty-two, thirty-four, sixty, sixty-two, sixty-three, and eighty-seven; four generations.

We had other distinct differences: gender, eye color, number of teeth, hair style, and music preference to name just some.



The most striking and beautiful figure was the sixteen-year old whose dress made the party festive.



Thin straps on bare shoulders widened into shiny squares.

The simple dress completed her elegant image

In contrast to our jeans and tees.



Open Letter to Emanuel

Submitted by Paula Kroeze



Editors note: Paula asked whether I would include a "Letter to the Editor". The answer must be "of course", especially for one as thoughtful as this. Please feel free to offer your own thoughts, opinions, ideas, and news.

I have been a member of Emanuel for over 35 years. You would never know it by looking at our congregation, but, we are a very diverse group. That is one of the things that has always attracted me to Emanuel. It is an important strength of ours.

A more important strength is our willingness and encouragement of being diverse. By diverse I mean that it doesn't matter if someone is pro-life or pro-choice, we all believe in the value of life. It doesn't matter if you read the Bible literally or put the scriptures in an historical context, it is the Word of God. Some of us celebrate the ordination of gays and lesbians, others of us do not. There is a list as long as the member list on ways we are diverse.

However, we are all united by our belief in the Grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That is why I am here at Emanuel; that is why, I think, a lot of us are at Emanuel.

Our diversity cannot and does not divide us. What divides us is how we respond when we are confronted with our diversity. Our responses are the responsibility of each one of us, individually. When the congregation is divided it's not the responsibility or fault of the pastor, president of church council, or other leaders of the congregation. It is part of the pastor's and leader's jobs to take on the tough stuff and help the congregation understand it and deal with it.

When issues that cause us to confront our diversity are brought forward it is not necessary for it to divide the congregation.

Sometimes we all do not agree on what the right thing is. Sometimes, issues are hard and painful to many of us. Sometimes we, as a congregation, need to do something that we understand

might be painful to some members of the congregation.

When I hear someone ask that we not be divided, I no longer think they are saying, "Don't do anything." Until recently that is what I heard. Now I hear, "Let's pull together and do the right thing with love and respect for both viewpoints."

I believe the most important consideration should not be what I or my friends think or feel. I believe the most consideration should be how best to bring the Gospel of Christ to people who do not know it. I believe that in Christ's love and Grace we will be able to move forward without division, and, that in Christ we will all not just be healed but be healthy.



Congregational Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Debbie Van Diepen

Emanuel Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting—November 9, 2014

9:50 A.M.

- Meeting was Called to Order by Suzanne Wilke, Council President
- Opening Prayer was led by Mark Holmerud, Bishop, Sierra Pacific Synod

I. Determination of a Quorum

Eighty-five qualified voters signed in, were given agendas and ballots
Quorum requirement was satisfied.

II. Behavioral Covenant

“Our Promise to Each Other” read in unison

III. Motion to Call Cary Bass-Deschenes as Pastor of Emanuel Lutheran, was made by Paula Kroeze, Vice-Chair Call Committee

IV. Presentation by the Call Committee

Representing the Call Committee, Paula Kroeze read a statement listing the qualities /abilities Emanuel members desired in a pastor and the capability of Pr. Cary to handle and fulfill each area.

V. Discussion and Questions

Numerous members shared their thoughts and feelings, all of which were respectfully received by fellow members.

VI. Vote on the Motion to Call

Ballots were collected and counted by David Holtz, Mike Epting, Debbie Van Diepen, and Jerry Lutterman. 30 voted no; 55 voted yes. The requirement of 2/3 of the majority (57 votes) was not met. The Motion to Call Cary Bass-Deschenes did not pass.

The Call Committee will officially contact the Bishop to request another slate of candidates.

Due to outcome of vote, further agenda items were removed:

~~Motion to Adopt the Compensation Package~~ _____ ~~Suzanne Wilke, President~~

~~Presentation and Explanation of the Package~~ _____ ~~Bob Reuter, Treasurer~~

~~Discussion and Questions~~ _____ ~~Bob Reuter and Compensation Team~~

~~Vote on the Motion to Adopt the Compensation Package~~ _____ ~~Suzanne Wilke, President~~

11: 30 a.m. Meeting adjourned

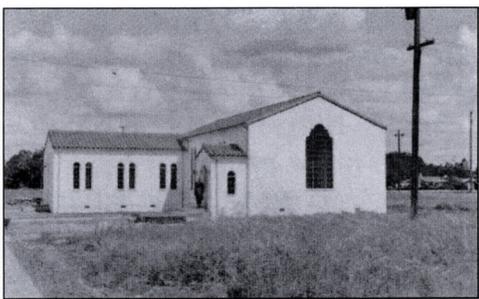
Reflections

Submitted by Robert Reuter, Treasurer and Finance Team

As members of Emanuel Lutheran Church, we will be soon be entering the Christmas season, a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem.

We are also approaching another important time of celebration: the eightieth anniversary of our congregation. On January 24, 1935 — during the depression — the founders of Emanuel Lutheran Church voted to organize; it was a humble beginning. Our founders devoted their tithing, talents and time to establish, finance, and build this congregation.

They purchased land, prepared the site, purchased building supplies, and used their talent and time to start construction in 1939. We are blessed with their vision, hard work and accomplishments in organizing and building a beautiful church and a faithful congregation. In March 1941 the first service was held in the newly-constructed sanctuary.



Emanuel's congregational vision grew as the numbers of members increased. A 1960-1961 addition to the original structure gave us our present sanctuary, bell tower and bell. The people of Emanuel continued to look to the future with new ambition, prayer, and the

determination to share their faith and serve God.



Vision and ambition once again initiated an aggressive updating of the Emanuel Lutheran Church facilities and campus in 1999. Can you imagine a parking lot with numerous lakes whenever it rained? We are not talking about puddles, but **LAKES**. The project included a paved, drained and lighted parking lot, modern new doors for a more welcoming entry, an updated fire protection system, a separate building with offices and youth and meeting rooms, and another building to house a day care center.



Today we enjoy all these improvements, the wonderful parking lot, the beauty of our campus, and our added facilities as this vision has become reality. However, such building projects do not come without cost. The 1999 expansion initially was covered by a

\$1.4 million building loan. As of September 1, 2014, the current balance was \$815,853 — an improvement, but still a significant debt.

Reflecting on its past history continues to provide inspiration for the future of Emanuel Lutheran Church. We are thankful to God for our many blessings, and to our founders for their dreams, vision, hard work, and accomplishments. We pray that we will continue the work inspired by this progressive vision and we pray that future generations will reflect on our accomplishments. Our tithing, talents, and time will help make this happen.

Pastor Roger Lee has challenged the members of Emanuel Lutheran Church to join him in helping to pay off our mortgage. Noting that gasoline prices have declined by about \$1 per gallon recently, he said that he and Karen were donating \$1 for every gallon of gas they purchase to help pay off the mortgage.

Thank You Pastor Roger!

We, the congregational family of Emanuel, continue to worship and serve God, and to foster ministries to spread the word of God in our community and enhance our own spiritual wellbeing. We welcome everyone to join us in worshiping and serving God in this place and at this time, 80 years after Emanuel was first envisioned as a Lutheran sanctuary in Modesto.

Youth Activities

Submitted by Lori Skustad

Emanuel's Youth group had an October outing to the Craft's home where we did a reader's theater of the Martin Luther play, gathered up walnuts for fundraising, and had lunch together. A great time had by all; a big "Thank You" to Kristine and her husband.

We will be planning an ice skating adventure soon. If you are brave enough to join us, watch the bulletin for details.



Trunk or Treat 2014

Submitted by Elaine Ixcot



December News

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Pastor Roger Lee will lead a special Thanksgiving service Wednesday, November 26 at 7 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been invited to join us. Combined choirs will perform, led by Barbara Vukich.

Cookie Exchange and Bake Sale

Saturday November 29 at 10 am, bring 3 dozen cookies to share. WELCA will provide beverages. Welcome the season with carol singing and enjoy the cookies. Any cookies not consumed on Saturday will be available at a bake sale on Sunday, November 30.

Caroling the Neighborhood

We'll be caroling again this year on Sunday evening December 21. We'll meet at the church at 6 pm and enjoy some refreshments when we return from our wanderings. Everyone is welcome to come.

Christmas Giving Tree and Sock Tree

Beginning November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, two

trees will stand in the narthex to present you with opportunities for Christmas giving. A sock tree will be a bare tree to be adorned with new socks for our brothers and sisters at the Modesto Gospel Mission. The giving tree will have tags identifying ELC day care needs as well as specific children by age, sex and size. These are children in our community who would not have as



much under their tree without the generous support of Emanuel members. Emanuel's Outreach Ministry encourages you to share the joy of Christmas by supporting these great projects.

Daycare Thanksgiving Feast

Emanuel's Day Care hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for families and friends on Friday, November 14 in Luther Hall. About 170 people attended. The meal was supplemented by potluck donations, the children sang, and a silent auction/raffle raised funds for Day Care needs.



Thursday Bible Study

This group meets in Katie's Room at 9:30 am every Thursday. We will be studying the last 7 books of the Bible through December, then looking forward to moving on to Revelation with Pastor Lee as our guide in the new year. All are welcome to join us.

College Area Neighborhood Alliance (CANA)

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



We would like to extend a helping hand to 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, December 13, 2014
 - 8:30 am to 10:30 am
 - Meet at the playground, corner of Morris and Virginia.
- See you there Emanuel Lutheran Congregation!

Circle Meetings

Leah Circle will meet at Suzanne McReady's home at 6 pm Thursday Dec. 18 for appetizers. They will then carpool to St. Stanislaus Cathedral for the Modesto Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Concert. See Paula Barton to purchase concert tickets.

Lydia Circle meets Monday, Dec. 15, 7:30 pm at Jeanne Hardin's home.

Rebecca Circle is celebrating Christmas on Thursday, December 11 at 12:00 pm. They will lunch together at Surla's, 431 12th Street, Modesto.

Stanislaus Senior Foundation Holiday Fundraiser

This event will be on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 5:30 to 8 pm at the McHenry Museum (1402 I St). For tickets, see Jeri Johnson.



November Council Notes

Submitted by Mike Epting

Suzanne Wilke opened our meeting with a devotional reading and prayer at 7 pm on November 19.

Call Committee Update

After reviewing the current status, Council voted unanimously to request the Call Committee to continue with their current membership. We thank them for their hard work and devotion to duty.

Daycare Report

Daycare will have a Christmas celebration on Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm. They will be providing a list of needed toys for our Giving Tree. Exterior lights need repair, especially since many parents are picking up children after dark. The janitorial service has improved and is now doing satisfactory work. Daycare's financial performance continues to be strong.

Resource and Finance

Bob Reuter distributed October's budget report. The good news is that for the first time in many months, our giving to the Building Fund was sufficient to make our mortgage payment. However, our fund balance remains small, so we need to continue to emphasize this need.

The bad news is that pledge giving is well below budget. The shortfall for October was nearly \$5000. For the fiscal year we are averaging about \$1000 below pledge. However, plate giving is greater than budget and has made up much of the pledge shortfall.

Bob reported that for calendar year 2014 thus far, the endowment fund has earned \$19,788. We thank Bob and the finance committee for their faithful stewardship of this account.

The final numbers have not yet been compiled from our Stewardship campaign, but pledges are up from last year. Some members have still not made a pledge.

Worship

Sue Wilke reported that she has lined up supply pastors for each Sunday through December 14. Also Pastor Roger Lee has agreed to officiate at the Thanksgiving Eve service.

We still need a pastor for Christmas Eve. We will have one service that day, at 7 pm. Also, because of the difficulty of finding a mid-week supply pastor, we will not hold mid-week Advent services this year.

Sue formally requested the Bishop



to provide us with a part-time interim pastor, but she has not yet received his reply.

Outreach

Family Promise went well and David reported that we supported the November event admirably.

Administrative

Office hours have been adjusted at Paula Braxton's request. The total hours have not changed, but they are now more uniform. The office is now open from 8 am to 12 pm Monday through Thursday.

Debbie reported that as part of the preparation for the November Special Congregational Meeting, we now have a fully complete and accurate roster of members eligible to vote. She reminded us that the rules require both attendance and giving. To be eligible to vote, members must have attended worship services within the last two years and must have made a financial donation to the church. Debbie provided envelopes to youth that have been confirmed, enabling them to make a small donation and meet the giving requirement.

	OCTOBER INCOME	OCTOBER EXPENSES	MONTHLY GAIN/LOSS
General Fund	15,198	(7,869)	7,329
Building Fund	7,478	(7,170)	308
Day Care	23,887	(19,666)	4,221
TOTALS	46,563	(34,705)	11,858

December Birthdays

Birthday Blessing Sunday is December 21

All those celebrating their births during the month of December will receive a Birthday Blessing Prayer from their Emanuel Family. Don't miss out!

12/2	Laura Marquez	12/11	Tena Heckendorf
12/2	Sherman Petersen	12/14	Dave Henke
12/3	Brett Owen	12/14	Liliana Mitchell
12/7	Lori Skustad	12/20	Paula Barton
12/10	Christine Henke	12/20	Alexandria Hoover

May your birthday and Christmas presents not be combined.



12/31	Richard Norquist
12/31	Dianne Santana

December Prayer Requests

New Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Thanksgiving and congratulations to Michael Rachels and Veronica Rhodes on the birth of their daughter Kylee Ann.
- ◆ Thanksgiving for new members: Peter Cousins and John Turner.

Our Members:

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| ◆ Drew Shank | ◆ Susan Hayes | ◆ Bob Dailey |
| ◆ Ben Knoll | ◆ Dianne Santana | ◆ Roland Loeffler |
| ◆ Lori Knoll | ◆ Carolyn Crenwelge | ◆ Marilyn Rowland |

Our Homebound Members:

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| ◆ Harvey Hardel | ◆ Alma Johnson |
| ◆ Florence Broden | ◆ Betty Mason |
| ◆ Kay Altmas | ◆ Esther Johnson |
| ◆ Shelda Fritts | |

Our Family:

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| ◆ Angela (Dieterich) | ◆ Steve Jeske (B. Norquist) | ◆ Ian McKenzie & Marian McKenzie (Schmidt) |
| ◆ Sharon & Harold (Owen) | ◆ Heide Brockmann (Petersen) | ◆ Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law) |
| ◆ Meghan Ewald (Smith) | ◆ Harry Belletto (Ixcot) | ◆ Carlene Russell (sister to Yvonne Troedson) |
| ◆ Torri & Nathan (Teaney) | ◆ Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer) | ◆ Trevor Jeske (Steve's son) (B. Norquist) |
| ◆ Marsha Schlipman (Nelson) | ◆ Allen Frisby (Turner) | ◆ Claudette Gaydon (Lori Skustad's aunt) |
| ◆ Geraldine Walton (Hollmann) | ◆ Rusty Skustad (Skustad) | |

Our Friends:

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| ◆ Dawn, Keith and Ed (Dieterich) | ◆ Nancy (Owen) | ◆ Teri Scott |
| ◆ Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney) | ◆ Donna (Waggoner) | ◆ Melissa Gates (D. Norquist) |
| ◆ Gene Loftis (Teaney) | ◆ Roger Warner (Schmidt) | ◆ Alice Cumbie (D. Norquist) |

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

I have now been personally involved with calling a new pastor in three different denominations. The differences in the process are startling and puzzling.

I was on the Vestry at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Cupertino when we completed our search process there. The Search Committee operated similarly to Emanuel's Call Committee, but they were not limited to considering nominations by the Bishop. They advertised the opening and received many applications. The Bishop's approval was required before interviews, but that seemed to be a formality. The Search Committee presented two candidates for consideration and the Vestry interviewed both. We arranged for them to preach as guests at nearby churches and, as a Vestry, attended both services.

We voted, selected one candidate, and the deal was done; no congregational vote. The Vestry took all credit and blame for the final selection. Fortunately, our new pastor was a hugely popular choice.

At the Methodist Church in Oakdale, I was on the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) when the District Superintendent informed us that our Pastor would be moving on. The Methodist Church has a process that is more like the Roman Catholic process than the Episcopal or Lutheran approach. As you likely

know, the Catholic Bishop appoints pastors and the local parish has no say in the matter. I understand that the priest has some input, but the Bishop has the final say.

In the Methodist church, in January every year the SPRC and the pastor each complete an evaluation form. Each rates the situation on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means "the pastor must stay" and 5 is "the pastor must go". The Bishop and District Superintendents review these evaluations each year and, in June, announce pastor assignments. Generally, if both the pastor and the people like the existing situation, the pastor stays, but if there are other needs, the bishop may decide to move the pastor anyway. If either the pastor or the congregation are really unhappy, the bishop likely will move the pastor within a couple of years.

In our Oakdale case, the District Superintendent presented our new pastor as a solution to a tough financial situation. Theoretically, the SPRC could veto the selection and the Bishop/Superintendent might come up with a second choice. They could, however, also tell us that we had no other choice. In fact, we accepted the new pastor, but he proved to be unpopular and the assignment lasted only 2 years.

Although I had a successful experience in the Episcopal Church and a not-so-good one in the Methodist Church, I can see the merits of both processes.

The Roman church has



One thing the search committee doesn't want to hear.

prospered for nearly 2000 years with its totally undemocratic method of assigning pastors and the Methodist church has opened that up somewhat by allowing input from pastor and parish. Conceptually, the Bishop and his staff should be well-equipped to make optimal assignments, knowing the strengths and weaknesses of both their churches and their pastors. The Episcopal process is much more democratic and puts the final decision in the hands of local church leadership. That seems better, but of course the local Vestry cannot know everything about the pastor they select until they see him in action for some time. As with the Lutheran Church, there is no easy means to undo a mistake.

Our Lutheran process is more democratic than the others that I have experienced. I hope it ultimately produces better results.



"Basically, we're looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same."

Emanuel Calendar of Events

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Harden	2 5:00 pm PFLAG Holiday Potluck	3 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	4 9:30 am Bible Study 4:30 pm CCIS (International Students)	5 Office Closed	6 10:00 am Organ practice
7 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:45 am Confirmation Class	8 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Harden	9	10 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Ministry Meeting	11 9:30 am Bible Study 12:00 pm LEAH Circle @ REBECCA Circle @ Surtas	12 6:00 pm Office Closed Day Care CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	13 10:00 am Organ practice
14 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Council Potluck 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:45 am Confirmation Class 5:00 pm Youth Caroling	15 6:00 pm Girl Scout Cookie Training 7:30 pm LYDIA Circle @ Harden	16 No PFLAG Meeting	17 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Day Care Board 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	18 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Leah Circle at McReady's	19 Office Closed	20 10:00 am Organ practice
21 BIRTHDAY BLESSING SUNDAY Leah Refreshments 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm "Caroling the Neighborhood"	22 7:30 pm Echoes Deadline Women's Bible Study @ Harden	23	24 7:00 pm DAY CARE CLOSED THRU JAN.1 Christmas Eve Service	25 DAY CARE CLOSED THRU JAN.1	26 DAY CARE CLOSED THRU JAN.1 Office Closed	27 DAY CARE CLOSED THRU JAN.1 10:00 am Organ practice
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