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Emmanuel's Clergy and Staff wish you a blessed Holiday Season!

In the darkness, we can see the tiniest glimmer of light.

We're in a tunnel, a long dark tunnel,

But at the end there is the light of Christmas.

*As we journey towards that light,
keep us unafraid of the darkness.*

*Give us courage and honesty
in facing the truths of our world
so that we may come to the Christ child
with our lives full of hope.*

From *Prayers for Children*, compiled by Christopher Herbert



The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Preparing for Christmas

Christmas Play, Reception & Hanging of the Greens

The Fourth Sunday of Advent will be a very special and important day as we prepare for the celebration that is Christmas. On that Sunday, December 20, our annual Christmas Play will take place in the context of the Holy Eucharist at the 10:00 a.m. service. We will have a special schedule that day with worship at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Christian formation will recess until January 3. Child Care will be available from 9:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. that morning.)

Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service, members of the Parish Family Life Committee will host a reception in the dining room, providing us with an opportunity to greet and visit with one another. Your help is requested in providing appetizers, fruit, baked goods or brunch hors d'oeuvres for the reception. (Please bring your contributions to the kitchen prior to the 10:00 service.)

Stay also for the Hanging of the Greens and help our Altar Guild members adorn the church for Christmas. This is a very important – and enjoyable, part of our preparations for Christmas. Anyone who would like is encouraged to help. We need lots of willing hands to make this work. No experience necessary!

If your children wish to participate in the nativity story presentation during the 3 o'clock Christmas Eve Family Service, please meet with Pamela Dolan and Deacon Burnell for a very quick organizational meeting in the church from 11:45 a.m. to 12 noon.

Words of Appreciation for Shared Partnership in Ministry

Last October our brothers and sisters at Christ Lutheran Church celebrated the dedication of the Arden Mead Center for Youth and Community. On behalf of Emmanuel, our vestry sent them a letter of congratulations which included an expression of gratitude for the ministries we share, including joint worship on Thanksgiving Day and Good Friday, mission work done by the Adult Mission Trip, and Christian formation and community outreach through Vacation Bible School activities. This is the response from Christ Lutheran's pastors, the Revs. Keith and Penny Holste, on behalf of the Christ Lutheran congregation:

*Dear Vestry Members and Friends at Emmanuel,
We were honored by your kind letter of congratulation at the time of the dedication of the Arden Mead Center for Youth and Community on October 25, 2009. We enjoyed a fine celebration with congregation members, former members who had returned and friends in the community. You were with us in spirit though your greetings which were acknowledged and posed at our dinner. **Thank you for your words of appreciation concerning the partnership we share as we seek to make God's name holy among us in worship and to reach out to the community through education and service.** We look forward to our continued mutual cooperation, and we wish you God's richest blessings for the ministries of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.*

Thanks be to God for blessing us with our partnership with Christ Lutheran Church!

—Angela Bader, Parish Administrator

The Episcopal School for Ministry Making Disciples of Jesus for the Ministry of Church

The Spring term is about to begin. *Classes meet one Saturday each month for 4 months (Jan. 23, Feb. 20, March 20, and April 17)*, with an introductory session on the afternoon of **December 19**. Register now for: Intro. to the New Testament (Dr. Ron Crown, Dr. Barbara Willock), Church History – Tradition II (Dr. Ralph McMichael), Sacramental Theology – Theology II (Fr. Rod Wiltse). To register, contact registrar Cory Hoehn at 314.255.1383 or choehn@diocesemo.org.

Or you might consider joining our forming book club. We will begin in January to discuss the series, **THE ANCIENT PRACTICES**. Over the year we will be reading: *Finding Our Way Again* by Brian McLaren, *In Constant Prayer* by Robert Benson, *Sabbath* by Dan B. Allender, *Fasting* by Scot McKnight, *The Sacred Meal* by Nora Gallagher, *The Liturgical Year* by Joan Chittister, *The Pilgrimage* by Diana Butler Bass, and *Tithing* by Douglas LeBlanc. Rod Wiltse is our coordinator for this book club; please contact him for more information.

If you are interested in finding out more about the School, feel free to speak to Pamela Dolan, an alumna, or Fr. Rod Wiltse, an instructor. Many parishioners from Emmanuel have participated in these programs over the years and can attest to the high level of instruction and learning that takes place in an environment of prayer and fellowship.

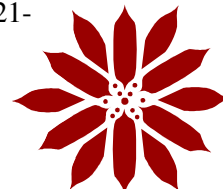
Lending a Hand During the Holidays

Christmas Eve Transportation

We anticipate requests for transportation assistance to holiday events in December, as well as to the Christmas services. If you would be willing and able to help with this important ministry to the parish, *or if you need help with transportation to Christmas Eve services*, please call Deacons Burnell or Susan at church (961-2393) as soon as possible.

Christmas Poinsettia Deliveries

Advent is here, Christmas is fast approaching and all of us are very busy; but stop and consider delivering a Christmas Poinsettia from the sanctuary of Emmanuel after Christmas. Volunteers are needed to deliver the beautiful poinsettias that will adorn the sanctuary as well as the rest of the church for Christmas. These plants will be taken to shut-ins and others on a list that is prepared by the clergy and office staff. The Caring Ministries Committee is coordinating volunteers for this. The plants can be picked up on Saturday, December 26, between 10:00 a.m. and NOON or early the following week between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and should be delivered by New Year's Eve. If you would like to participate in this very important ministry of reaching out to our brothers and sisters, please contact Peg Cooper at 314-821-1012 or coopermh@slu.edu.



2009 Christmas Offering: Habitat for Humanity – Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays is the theme for this year's Christmas offering. At the recommendation of the Missions Committee, the Vestry has once again designated Habitat for Humanity as the recipient of Emmanuel's Christmas offering.

Emmanuel has a long-standing relationship with Habitat. Many parishioners have participated in the building of Habitat homes not only here in St. Louis, but also in South Dakota on the Rosebud Reservation as part of the adult mission trip. This year's Christmas offering will again be divided between the two builds, with 80 percent going to our local Habitat build and 20 percent going to the one in South Dakota. For more information about how to become more involved, contact Don Esbenschade (314-727-6780) or Duane Benson (636-326-5918).

Special envelopes to receive your gift can be found in the pew racks at church. (If writing a check, please note at the bottom "Christmas Offering".) Please give generously to this year's offering.

Gift Cards, Christmas Cards for Sale Sunday Morning

Emmanuel's Mission Committee is selling **Alternative Gift Cards** for one more Sunday. These special cards, which convey that a contribution/gift has been given in a person's name, are available for a minimum donation of \$5. Also available are **Emmanuel Christmas Cards** in two beautiful designs. **Cards are 10 for \$15.00.** Proceeds go to support activities of the Missions Committee.

And don't forget: the Festival Flower and Music offering deadline is Monday, December 21!

The Christmas Eve Family Service

The 3:00 o'clock Family Service on Christmas Eve has become a real favorite at Emmanuel. It's the perfect way to worship with young children in a relaxed and joyful environment and still have time to get the kids fed, bathed, and in bed before Santa comes!

This year we're going to be using a special Nativity Liturgy that includes children in the worship in a very participatory way. While this is not as involved as the Christmas Play (no costumes!), it does require a little bit of preparation. We're looking for several children (ages five and up) to help us with bringing forward crèche figures during the service. We also need one or two older children who are very good readers to serve as narrators.

There will be one rehearsal in preparation for this service, on Sunday, December 20, from 11:45 a.m. to noon, in the church. The Hanging of the Greens and the Christmas Play reception will be in full swing, so we'll keep it short and sweet. Anyone who wants to participate will also need to be able to come to the Christmas Eve service early (at 2:30) for a final run-through. **Please contact Pamela Dolan if you plan to take part or if you have any questions: 314-961-2393 or pdolan@emmanuelepiscopal.org.**



Come One, Come All! Epiphany Celebration Sunday, January 3 5:30 - 8:30pm

5:30 – Kid-friendly Service

6:15 – Dinner with Kid's menu and King's Cake

7:00– Musical Program, Earl Naylor
Children's Activities, Pamela Dolan

7:45 – Burning of the Greens, Jones Hall Lawn

Gift Parade for the Baby Jesus

(bring baby food, diapers, baby wipes to give to families who use the Emergency Food Center)
Cost for dinner: \$5 adults; \$3 Children (3-12); under 3 free; \$15 family max

More Info: Contact Rudy Walz 314-477-8256
or the Church Office 961-2393

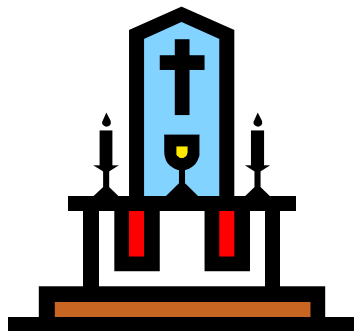
Secrets from the Sacristy: All the Colors of the Church

The Church year has begun again with the return of Advent, accompanied by its unique symbols and colors displayed in our vestments, stoles, and banners. Although you might assume liturgical colors have an “ancient” story, their widespread use was not reported until the 9th Century, and churches throughout “the world” chose their own colors for many years. Even though Pope Innocent III proposed in 1198 that only Violet (Purple), White, Black, Red and Green be used for clergy vestments, you may recall in our discussion about “Sarum Blue,” that some English dioceses continued to champion their local color choices up until the Reformation.

Actually, decisions made by the Council of Trent (1545-1563) brought all diocesan “choices” to an end, and Pope Pius V outlawed the use of all but the five “official colors” in 1570. (Pius was a very busy man; that same year he excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I!) Although most denominations of the Protestant Reformation completely abandoned liturgical colors along with countless other “Papish customs,” the ecumenical movement of the late 20th century spurred many to re-embrace this colorful Christian tradition. Today, the choice of liturgical colors and their uses are still compulsory for Roman Catholics, but not for Anglicans and other Protestant churches.

Although local customs have changed considerably over the years, the symbolism associated with liturgical colors has changed little. There are many variations, even among Anglicans, but here are the basic liturgical colors and their seasonal connections: Green is the color of growth and revelation present in the “Ordinary” times when we mark the counted, “ordinal” Sundays following Epiphany and Trinity that lie outside other seasons. Purple (Violet) is somber, a perfect symbol for the penitence of Lent, although many Anglicans now embrace the Sarum Rite’s “un-color” of Unbleached Linen as a somber, penitential option to purple. Royal Blue was the Sarum Rite’s choice for the expectation, confidence, and anticipation of Advent, and it has been reclaimed as more appropriate than the somber Purple of Lent. White represents the purity, innocence and holiness of Christmas, Easter, Funerals, Baptisms, and Weddings. Red represents the energy, power, and passion of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and in the lives of martyred saints. Black is the absence of all color, representing the deep sorrow the Church experiences only on Good Friday. (Black is not liturgically appropriate for funerals, although the secular world widely recognizes black as the color of mourning.)

The most common “secondary colors” include: the joyful Rose (Pink) substitutes for Purple on one Sunday in the middle of Advent and Lent; glorious Gold is an elegant stand-in for White or Red on particularly joyful occasions; and the Sarum Rite’s Oxblood Red trimmed with Black replaces Unbleached Linen for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.



The Genesis Covenant

A few weeks ago Sabine McDowell from Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood, spoke to the Adult Forum concerning a number of environmental issues. If you missed that session Sabine is LEED certified, and a sustainability consultant. Throughout her address she continually challenged us to seek and gain a deeper understanding of the issues that threaten the very existence of our planet.

One area that was particularly interesting is the greening of the Episcopal Church. At the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, the governing bodies affirmed and became a signatory of the Genesis Covenant. By doing so the Church made a public commitment to work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from every facility it maintains by a minimum of 50% within ten years.

“This covenant is an invitation to every community of faith to take action to reverse global warming. It is a pledge that is made publicly by the national religious bodies that endorse it as their witness to the holiness of creation and their commitment to protect the Earth as a sacred trust. The Genesis Covenant is an expression of the unity of the world’s religious communities in the face of a shared crisis. It is also a challenge to all other sectors of society to join people of faith in a global effort to change history by changing behavior.”

In the coming months the Environmental Stewardship Committee will share more of the greening of the Episcopal Church. In the meantime why not read Thomas Friedman’s book Hot, Flat and Crowded, and join us on February 4 at 7:00pm at the St. Louis Bread Co. in Webster Groves for some interesting discussion. Those interested can email Jim Lemonds for further details or to let him know you will be there (james.lemonds@yahoo.com).

—The Environmental
Stewardship Committee

Youth News

Senior High News

The Perfect Christmas gift: Be A Stakeholder in Senior High!

We have rolled out this year's edition of SENIOR HIGH STAKEHOLDERS! Shares in Senior High may be purchased for only \$25 per share again this year in the Dining Room on some Sundays. Benefits of becoming a stakeholder include, but are not limited to, feelings of euphoria, a beautiful certificate showing how many shares you have purchased and signed by the active senior high youth group member of your choice, special periodic *e-newsletters* updating you on the Sr. High goings-on, knowledge that you helped the Sr. High and a special post mission trip party, with pictures, artifacts and one-on-one Q&A time with trip members. You can download the order form from Emmanuel's website and drop it in the mail, or look for our table in the dining room on Sunday mornings. This is an AWESOME Christmas gift for a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle and just about everyone! Be sure to specify where you'd like the certificate mailed. Talk to Dan Herren, Clark Hotaling or Gary Tappana for more information.

Senior High 10:30 Worship

Sunday, January 3, 2010 - 10:30-11:30am

Worship as a group at the 10:30 service, **then stay for the...**

2009/2010 Sr. High Youth and Alumni Reunion Bashapalooza

Sunday, January 3, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Dining Room

Be there or be four-square! Lots of good food, great conversation and reconnecting with great friends – both Alums AND current Senior High members. Come tell your favorite Mission Trip story or Most Embarrassing Moment! This is a GREAT chance to talk to alumni youth group members and leaders. PLEASE make every attempt to make it. Clean out your fridge and bring with you your leftover Christmas goodies (snickerdoodles are especially welcome!).

Senior High Sash – Sunday, January 10 @ 3 – 5:30 p.m.

Will it be bowling? A movie? Skydiving? Watch for details!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Senior High Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner – Sunday, February 7, 2010

Junior High News

Rite 13 (Faith)

Rite 13 will recess for Sunday, Dec. 20 & Dec. 27 and will resume on Sunday, Jan. 3.

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Adopt-a-Family Program (Service)

Saturday, December 19, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Meet at Emmanuel at 9:30 a.m. and we will head to St. Mary Magdalen Church to help sort all the Adopt-a-Family gifts received through the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries program. We will return to Emmanuel by 12:30 p.m. for pickup by parents.

Holiday Craft Sale (Service) – Sunday, December 20

Help sell our handmade Crafts to the Parish during the Christmas Play Reception on Dec. 20. We will have a table set up in the dining room.



Acolyte Schedule

December 20

Jessica Schmitz (TC)
Creighton DeYoung
Isabella Crang

December 24 - 5:00 PM

Ben Wagnon (TC)
Creighton DeYoung
Kristen Faddis
Sabrina Walch
Charlie DeYoung
Claire Hooker
Maggie Brennan
Hannah Myers
Liz Wagnon
Matt Walch

December 24 - 11:00 PM

Meg Florent (TC)
Jessica Schmitz
Michael Rich
Daniel Tappana
Isabella Crang
Annie Dolan
Thomas Florent
Jackson Hotaling
Ryan Rich
Alli Tappana

December 27

Andrew Keyes (TC)
Anna Killion
Charlie DeYoung
Ryan Rich
Jackson Hotaling
Sabrina Walch
Maggie Brennan

Can You Hear Me Now???

We are pleased to announce the coming installation of a **new, state-of-the-art hearing assist sound system** in mid December. The system uses high frequency radio transmittal instead of infra red, so “drop outs” are minimized no matter where you are seated (within 1,000 feet of the transmitter), and provides super-clean audio. Receivers are lightweight and small enough to clip to your belt, fit in a pocket or be hand held. The receivers have rechargeable batteries, in keeping with our environmental stewardship practices. The earpieces are small, lightweight and very comfortable. Because of the variety of hearing aids, you will need to simply try using this system with your hearing aid. (An usher will assist you in locating a receiver before each service. Please arrive as early as possible to request help before the service.) Additional hardware can be purchased and added to our system should there be interference with a hearing aid, as the funds become available.

We currently have funding to provide four receivers. As additional funds become available and if the need arises, more receivers will be added. If this system would help enhance your total worship experience, please be in touch with the parish office so we can better understand our needs. (This system will help with both spoken word and music.)

We are grateful to Mr. Douglas Aldridge, a returning member of Emmanuel, for taking the initiative to request this system and for his generous gift which provided most of the initial purchase and installation expenses.



Women's Book Club

Read any good books lately? If you enjoy a good book and sharing your thoughts about it, then the Women's Book Club is for you! We meet on the last Monday of each month (though we will not meet in December) for discussion and refreshments. Our next meeting will be on January 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. when we will gather in the Church Dining Room to discuss *The Double Bind*, by Chris Bohjalian. We will also be making the final decisions on the remaining titles for 2010, so that will be your chance to promote your favorites!

The Double Bind is a literary thriller with references to *The Great Gatsby*...Chris Bohjalian takes readers on one woman's haunting journey to uncover a dark secret. You have plenty of time to read it before the end of January! The Webster Groves Library website shows several copies available for check-out, and it is also available in paperback. You can order a copy through the Webster Groves Book Shop (968-1185) or Puddn'head Books (918-1069), and it will be ready for pick-up in just a couple of days...no shipping charges! If you haven't yet had a chance to join us, then make 2010 the year that you do. All ladies are welcome – bring a friend!

Nursery School News: Director Position Open for 2010/2011

After nearly 70 combined years of service to the Emmanuel Center for the Young Years (Nursery School), Co-Directors Rita Rundquist and JoAn MacBryde are retiring at the end of this school year. Their unparalleled commitment and dedication to the children of the nursery school will be greatly missed – and we have a hard task at hand to find a replacement.

In the history of the school, all 4 directors have been Emmanuel members, so ideally the new Director would also come from within our parish family. If you are interested in learning more about what the job entails or would like explore the possibility of applying for the job, please contact Eric Dunn (ENS Board President, ericdunn@swbell.net or 963-9482) by January 4.

Emmanuel Nursery School has provided an excellent pre-school experience for three, four, and five-year old children since 1949. The school is non-sectarian and open to children of all races and creeds. There are two teachers to each group of 12-16 children and special teachers for music, creative movement, yoga and science.



ENS offers a two-year program. The first year is a two, three or five-day-a-week class for three and four-year olds. The second year is a five-day-a-week class for four and five-year olds or a four-day class for young four-year olds. Entrance age requirements coincide with those for kindergarten. In addition to our regular program, we have an extended day program on some afternoons.

Diocesan Convention Highlights

Diocesan Convention took place November 20 – 21, 2009, and was hosted this year by Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla, MO. Emmanuel was represented by five deputies, two priests and two deacons and sent two guests. The annual Diocesan Convention is a time to handle the “business” of the diocese – passing an annual budget, electing clergy and lay ministers to governance roles, and working through resolutions that have been passed down from General Convention, or passed up through the Diocese. Beyond the business of the Diocese, Convention is also an important time to reflect on the future of our Diocese, and listen to God’s call.

A Call to Missional Living

In his address to the 170th yearly meeting of the Diocese of Missouri, Bishop Wayne Smith reported on a series of conversations he has held across the Diocese this past year, with clergy and laity. Meeting twenty at a time, each conversation over a shared meal and with a scribe to record the exchange, these were times to share the dreams and possibilities for the Diocesan community. The three topics of deeper spirituality and formation, yearning for authentic community, and engagement in mission were repeatedly voiced. Bishop Smith said, “Many of you have told me about your dreams for this Church, and it is precisely where the seeds lie for the very life that will sustain us. More. Community. Mission.”

In his address, the Bishop challenged parishes to allow “missional living” to become the organizing principle of their community. While the current challenging economic times often lead us intuitively to turn inward, these are precisely the times to think “counter-intuitively”, and reach out...discovering God’s word and vision in relation with others. Experiencing mission *in relation to others* is a way of living out our church identity.

The Convention Keynote, Rev. Dwight Zscheile from St. Paul, Minnesota, reinforced the call to missional living. From the Church of England’s book *Mission-Shaped Church*, Rev. Zscheile reminded the Convention that, “It is not the church of God that has a mission in the world, but the God of mission that has a church in the world.”

As the delegates for the parish, we spent significant time and conversation reflecting upon the idea of “missional living”, and what that means to Emmanuel. Clearly, our parish has a strong history of both financial support and person-to-person outreach to others in our community, across the nation, and internationally. But what more, what different, or what else is God calling us to consider? What an exciting, challenging, and inspiring journey for us to take together.

Nuts and Bolts from the Convention

A highlight of the Convention included welcoming the Church of the Transfiguration in Lake St. Louis into the Diocese as a full parish. Well over 50 members of the congregation – from children to seniors – joined the Convention on Friday morning to thank the Diocese for the support on their journey from mission to parish. In terms of Diocesan governance, the Convention elected to *Diocesan Council*: Mr. Jerry Martin (St. Paul’s-St. Louis) and Mr. James Furgason (Transfiguration); to *Standing Committee*: the Rev Dan Handschy (Advent), Ms. Nan Haynes (Transfiguration), Ms. Lynette Ballard (St. Matthew’s-Warson Woods); to *Cathedral Chapter*: the Rev. Dan Appleyard (Emmanuel), Ms. Sandy Coburn (CSMSG).

There were 13 resolutions submitted, additionally one from the floor and one from the Constitution and Canons Committee. All were passed, some with amended language. Resolutions included the following areas: Minimum Clergy Compensation, 80-Cent Solution for Mission Work, Anglican Covenant, Accommodation for those with Disabilities, Evangelists, Care for Veterans, Millennium Development Goals, Health Ministries, Life-Long Learning, World Mission, Prison Ministry, Family Leave, and Diocesan Youth Ministry. The Resolutions of the 170th Convention will be distributed when received from the Convention Secretary.

Full content of both the Bishop’s and Keynote address are available on the Diocesan website at www.diocesemo.org. As lay delegates, we thank you for the opportunity to represent Emmanuel.

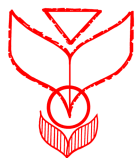
Respectfully submitted,

Jim Groetsch, Richard Keyes, Dee Margos, Mary Margaret Richardson, and Allison Williams

Calendar of Upcoming Events

For a complete listing of events, please consult our online calendar at www.emmanuelepiscopal.org

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas and New Year's on December 24, 25, 31, and on January 1.



Pamela Dolan's Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate at Christ Church Cathedral (with reception to follow in the Guernsey Room) Friday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Play and Reception Sunday, December 20, at 10:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 20, at 11:30 a.m.



Family Service meeting/rehearsal Sunday, Dec. 20, at 11:45 a.m.

Family Eucharist Thursday, Dec. 24, at 3:00 p.m.

Festival Eucharist Thursday, December 24, at 5 & 11 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with Carols Friday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Service & Celebration Sunday, January 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Save the Date:
Senior High Alumni Party
Former members of Emmanuel's Senior High Youth Group are invited to a party on **Sunday, January 3, at 1:00 p.m.**

Propers:

December 20, 2009

Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

December 24, 2009

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

December 25, 2009

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-14

Save the Date for 2010 All Parish Conference – Sign up is coming soon! April 9 - 11, 2010 at YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO

For nearly 40 years, the All Parish Conference (aka "APC" or "Potosi") has given our Emmanuel family an opportunity to gather as a parish to get to know each other better, have fun, and worship God in the beautiful, peaceful setting of the YMCA's Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO. This is a multi-generational weekend – there is something for everyone!

It takes many wonderful volunteers to make the APC a success. Please get involved and join one of the many committees. Some of the committees include Greeting, Cross Decorating, YMCA activity coordinators, door signs, youth parties, adult party, Take Homes, Sunday choir, and the all important weather committee.

A registration form for the weekend will be included in Emmanuel's semi-monthly newsletter in early January and can also be found posted on our website (www.emmanuelepiscopal.org). Half of your total fees are due **no later than mid-February** in the

church office. **This is a non-refundable deposit.** Your final payment is due mid-March. Scholarship funds to reduce the out-of-pocket costs are available. Requests are kept confidential. Do not let your current financial circumstances prevent you from attending. Contact the Rev. Dan Appleyard or Deacon Naylor if you are interested. Registration forms and a non-refundable deposit of half your fees will be due on Friday, February 12.

Please contact 2010 APC Chairs Duane and Anne Benson at 636-326-5918 or our co-chairs Matthew and Tammy Keefer at 619-4431 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

For more information on Trout Lodge, check out their website at <http://www.ymcaoftheozarks.org/>. We hope to see you there!

Emmanuel to be Host Partner Site for Trinity Institute Web Conference in January 2010

Emmanuel will serve as one of nearly 100 partner sites presenting Trinity Institute's 40th annual conference, *Building an Ethical Economy: Theology and the Marketplace*, on January 27-29, 2010 via video web link. With unprecedented economic challenges all around us, what role does theology have in defining a new economy? Surely the market will be shaped by stricter regulation, but beyond those mechanisms, the world now has an opportunity to create an ethical economy that serves humanity and builds community.

The conference will bring together leading theologians and economists to talk about the relationship between economics and Christian belief and action; understand why financial systems sometimes become belief systems rather than neutral mechanisms for exchange; discuss constructive alternatives to present models of economics and consumerism; and envision ways to build an economy that is both ethical and just. Scheduled to appear are **Rowan Williams**, the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the Anglican Communion; **Sir Partha Dasgupta**, Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge and **Kathryn Tanner**, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School. (Additional respondents TBA.)

Each guest has a unique viewpoint on this topic.

Archbishop Rowan Williams has spoken candidly about the current financial crisis and published several essays of his conversations with economists. **Sir Partha Dasgupta** is a pioneering researcher in sustainable economic development, the influence of beliefs on economies, and the inclusion of the environment in measurements of wealth. He also studies the economics of poverty and nutrition. **Professor Kathryn Tanner's** recent book, *Economy of Grace*, explores the intersection between theology and economics. **The Most Reverend Bernard Ntahoturi**, the Archbishop of Burundi in Central Africa, will preach for the conference's Opening Eucharist. (At Emmanuel the Archbishop's sermon will be replayed on Thursday before lunch.) Bishop Bernard brings a global perspective to issues of Gospel and economics.

Conference participation is open to clergy and lay persons of all faith traditions. As clergy and lay leaders we will not only explore the moral perspective that led to this economic morass, but will engage in envisioning a more ethical and sustainable economy for all humanity. Registration forms are available on the Big Bend bulletin board and the parish website (www.emmauepiscopal.org). Registration is due by January 15, cost is \$30; fees will help cover expenses of the conference. For more information, go to www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute.

(Trinity Institute is a continuing education program founded in 1967 as an outreach of Trinity Wall Street, an Episcopal parish. The Institute's annual National Theological Conference equips clergy and laypersons for imaginative and catalytic leadership. The conference presents emerging and inclusive theological perspectives and engages participants in inquiry, dialogue, and reflection. Theological reflection groups are assembled both onsite and at partner sites and provide opportunities to arrive at a deeper understanding of the presentations through peer learning, reflect on how to integrate conference themes with life and work, and build community with colleagues. Participants from all faith traditions are welcomed.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest



The Martin Luther King Community Planning committee is pleased to announce an essay contest for children and youth. The winner in each grade/categories will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond for submitting the best essay on the subject (50 words minimum and 500 maximum): *"Achieving the Goals of Dr. King's Dream"* What was Dr. King's dream? How will you personally meet the challenge of Dr. King's dream? What goals you are committed to reaching in order to make the dream a reality?

The Grade/Categories are: Kindergarten - Grade 2, Grades 3 - 5, Grades 6 - 8, Grades 9 - 12. Entries may be handwritten or typed, must include your name, address, phone number and grade level and should be submitted to the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (111 East Waymire, Webster Groves, MO 63119) no later than January 6, 2010.

The winning entrants will be recognized at the annual inter-community program to be held at Steger Sixth Grade Center the evening of Sunday, January 17, 2010.

For further information contact Dr. Kieffer at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church (962-9210, ext. 3204) or Mr. Johnson at Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (961-5082).

The prayers of the parish are requested for:**Change in Angelus Prayer List**

We are continuing with the change in the way the Prayer List is printed in the Angelus. Because it is so large, half of it will be printed in one edition and the other half will be printed in the next edition. PLEASE be assured that if you have put someone on the Intercessory Prayer list, everyone will continue to be prayed for daily, by name. The prayers will not change, only what is printed in the Angelus.

We ask that you also keep the office updated on the progress of those you have placed on this list in order that our list remains timely.

Long Term Medical Needs

Vernon Burlie, Lissa Johnson's elderly uncle
 Doris Ekstrum, parishioner
 Brian Medford, Jessica Warneke's father
 Edith Schrautemeier, parishioner
 Roberta Gehbauer, parishioner
 Felmir Singson, friend of the Dolans
 Mary Jane McCarty, parishioner
 Barbara Rose, parishioner
 Jean Weingaertner, parishioner
 June Banks, parishioner
 Liz Burst, parishioner
 Grace Koerner, out of town parishioner
 Nancy Allen, Davis' mother
 Ben Schneider, MacBryde's grandson
 Alice Layton, Layton/Copeland Grandma
 Nan Rimbach, parishioner
 Ginny Koehler, Robert Ard's grandmother
 Annie May Fielder, Roberta's mother
 Charlotte Badgley, parishioner
 Lolly Knight, Mart Mitchell's mother

In Hospital/Med Tests/Med Treatment

Adele Scharringhausen, Phyllis Newcomb's grandmother
 Georgene Brunner, friend of Davis Allen
 Luther Clauss, Lou's Dad
 Bill Terrasi, friend of Nancy McClary
 Jesse Kuebler, friend of the Zieglers
 James Felts, parishioner
 Mary Beth Gable, friend of Kuhns
 Joe, friend of Audrey Claxton
 Carol Greene, parishioner
 Maurice Williams, Kevin's father
 Gay Reese, parishioner
 Vickie Brubaker, friend of Tammy Free
 Jennifer Lynch, former student of Lynne Shields
 Gayle Birdsong, parishioner
 Doug Hickman, Laura Jones' brother

Rowena Haywood, Sally's mother
 Denise Quinn, Janet Dobbs' niece
 Stephanie MacEwen, Bron Brennan's sister
 Gary Goosen, MJ Kuhn's cousin
 Melanie Schaufert, Eleanor Fletcher's daughter
 Mike Miller, Maryjane Hotaling's brother
 Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother
 Serena Robbins, Sue Smith's future daughter-in-law
 Joann, friend of Delena Moredock
 Karol English, Trudy Appel's daughter
 Anne Hope, Laura Jones's cousin
 Sheila Moseley, parishioner
 Collin Gunn, parishioner

Armed Forces

Stephen Lopez, Sharon Prah's cousin
 Lt. Col. Stephen Carson, Nan Rimbach's nephew
 Nathaniel Baker, parishioner
 Kevin Michael Moore, Kevin Moore's son
 Capt. David Nierenberg, son of Ann McReynolds' friends
 Ethan Allman, parishioner
 Bill Amerman, Diana Knapp's nephew
 Aaron Faust, parishioner
 Jason Martens, Jen Dunn's brother
 David Benning, nephew of Dorothy Saunders
 Barbara Carson, Nan Rimbach's niece

Christmas Home Communions

If you or a family member are unable to come to church to participate in the Eucharist during the Christmas season, arrangements can be made for the Holy Communion to be brought to your home, nursing facility, or hospital by one of the clergy. Please phone the parish office (961-2393) as soon as possible to make arrangements for yourself or a member of your family.

Seeking Martha

Martha's Meals provides a complete meal at your door when you have just returned home from the hospital, are recuperating, have a family emergency, or are otherwise unable to manage in the kitchen. This program has been a wonderful help to so many parishioners. We are in need of a coordinator who will make phone calls to volunteers and schedule the delivery of meals. This position is more about organizing than cooking. If you think this might be your new ministry, contact Deacon Susan or Deacon Burnell for further details. If we have several interested, we will form a committee!

About the Parish Family

Belated congratulations to **Roger and Nancy Grow** on the October 20 birth of grandchild # 4, **Madelyn Margaret Roberts**. Proud parents are Mark and Laura Roberts of Chicago, Illinois.

The parish is saddened to learn of the December 3 death of former parishioner **Frances Hamm** in Mission Viejo, CA. Frances was an extremely active member of Emmanuel and will always be remembered as “quite a character”. Condolences may be sent to her daughter: Karen Haak, 5957 Ridgemoor Drive, San Diego, CA 92120.

The parish rejoices on the December 6 baptism of **Iris Marie Rycenga**. *Congratulations and welcome to the congregation of Christ’s flock!*

The Emmanuel Emergency Food Center is grateful for gifts received in honor of **Frances and Ray Martin** and in thanking for **Nancy Grow**.

Congratulations to **Kate Thacker and Julie Brueggemann** on the December 9 birth of **Marjorie Joy Brueggemann**. Proud grandmother is Kerry Thacker. *Congratulations!*



<p>December 20 Nico Floresca Donald Freeman Paul Reuter</p> <p>December 21 Christine Remming Amy Specht</p> <p>December 22 Matt Csolak Jeff Remming</p>	<p>December 23 Alexander Cahill Jameson Howard David McCarthy Ed Moredock</p> <p>December 25 Heidi Hastings Holly Layton Victoria Woolbright</p> <p>December 26 Lorraine Gerhard Rachael Ludwig Joan McGivney</p> <p>December 27 John Austin Kristyn Brennan Dan Herren</p>	<p>December 28 Sarah-Jane Bullock Margaret DeYoung Jill Meyers</p> <p>December 29 Mary Dolores Baca John Collins</p> <p>December 31 Macey Fischer Sally Haywood Matthew Woolbright</p> <p>January 1 Janet Csolak Nick KRAFT</p> <p>January 2 Thomas Davis</p>	<p>January 3 Robert Ard</p> <p>January 4 Anna Killion</p> <p>January 5 Liz Burst Fran Martin Tracy Moore Hilary Perkins Rhonda Schaper</p> <p>January 6 Iris Rycenga</p> <p>January 7 Sam Stewart</p> <p>January 9 Jonah Moore</p>
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Happy Anniversary to:

- Andy & Lisa Rikand – Dec. 24
- Duane & Anne Benson – Dec. 27
- Rene & Jim Howard – Dec. 28
- Ed & Delena Moredock – Dec. 28
- Tony & Sally Weaver – Dec. 28
- Ed & Betsy Lindner – Dec. 29
- Bill & Elizabeth Stewart – Dec. 29
- Dick & Chris Clark – Jan. 1
- Jim & Joan McGivney – Jan. 1
- Eric & Karen Young – Jan. 1
- Warren & Candy Druschky – Jan. 3
- Bob & Katherine Ziegler – Jan. 4
- Jerre & Gayle Birdsong – Jan. 6
- Steve & Melissa Crang – Jan. 7



The Food Center food
for December is
canned soup.
Please give generously!

Angelus Publication Schedule

Deadlines are
Tuesday, December 29
for the January 5 edition and
Tuesday, January 12
for the January 19 edition

Articles may be submitted to Angela Bader via email, fax or in the parish office.

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Sunday Worship Schedule and Propers

Schedule and Propers for December 20, 24, and 25 can be found on page 8.

December 27, 2009

The First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Traditional, Rite I)
*Child care is available in the upstairs nursery
from 9:45 a.m. until after the 10:00 service.*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Children's
Chapel and Holy Baptism
Christian Formation is in recess.

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
with Holy Baptism

Propers for December 27, 2009

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 147:13-21
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
John 1:1-18

Propers for January 3, 2009

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
Psalm 84:1-8
Matthew 2:1-12

January 3, 2009

The Second Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Traditional, Rite I)
*Child care is available in the upstairs nursery
from 8:45 a.m. until after the 10:30 service.*

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with Children's
Chapel

**10:15 a.m. Fellowship and Announcements in the
Dining Room**

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Informal Rite II) with
the Emmanuel Ensemble

**10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages:
FaithQuest** (preK to grade 5) is in recess
Rite 13 and J2A resume
Adult Forum: Trinity Institute
Bible Study led by Dr. Ron Crown

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with the
Emmanuel Choir, followed by the
Epiphany Celebration, including dinner, a
musical program and the burning of the
greens on Jones Hall Lawn. And don't
forget the Gift Parade for the Baby Jesus!