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Homecoming 2010 - The 30ish Anniversary!

The Homecoming BBQ has been a treasured tradition at Emmanuel for close to 30 years. Many changes have been made throughout the years, but several things remain. It's held on the first Sunday after Labor Day (September 12 this year), it's the first Parish Family Life activity of the program year, and everyone loves it.

This year we will again begin with a Saturday evening family BBQ and campfire on the Jones Hall Lawn. We will provide hot grills, paper products, and tables and chairs. Just bring your own meat, drinks, and a dish to share and join us around 5:00 p.m. We especially invite those who are recently new to Emmanuel. It's a great, casual way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

After the 10:00 a.m. service on Homecoming Sunday the festivities will continue with a picnic. This year, back by popular demand, we will again be having the meat catered by Michael Curry. We will also be providing the side dishes (homemade) so all that you need to do is purchase tickets and arrive hungry!



Tickets prices are: \$8.00 for ages 16-and up, \$5.00 for ages 6 to 15, and ages 5 and under eat free. Remember, there is NO SIDE DISH OR SALAD TO BRING! Because the meal is being catered and we are making the side dishes, tickets <u>MUST</u> be purchased on Sunday mornings or reserved in "Will Call" <u>BEFORE</u> Homecoming Sunday.

For your tickets or to sign up to help, you may call the church office at 961-2393 or email Susie Feldman at(<u>sfeldmann@emmanuelepiscopal.org</u>) or Mart Mitchell (<u>mkmitchell7@aol.com</u>). People are needed for cooking, setup and clean up. We need all the help we can get!!!

We want this to be a fun old-fashioned church picnic so this year there will be music and yard games for all ages. We will <u>not</u> be holding our ministry



fair during the picnic, so there is no need to bring your pens and you won't be asked to sign up for anything. Dessert will even be apple and cherry pie a-la-mode! We look forward to everyone getting together and starting off the program year with a great Homecoming event.

Remember, YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET AHEAD OF TIME!

- John & Mart Mitchell
- Bob and Susie Feldmann



From the Priest in Charge: The Gift of Time

Dear Friends,

Tell me, have you ever found yourself saying, "I just can't make time for that..."? In this world of competing activities and demands on the seemingly shrinking number of hours in our days, does it seem as though there are a hundred things you'd like to make time for, and you just can't? Whether it's friends or family ... a day at the soup kitchen ... a half hour to spend exercising ... fifteen minutes of quiet reflection ... it can feel as though the only way to fit them in would be to pick up those wasted fragments - those minutes spent at the red light, or talking to that telemarketer, or waiting in line - and slap them back into some big messy ball of time you could use whenever you needed it.

If only we could really make that extra hour in the day we speak of so wistfully. But the thing is, we aren't the ones who make time. God makes time. The Holy One who created the heavens and the earth also created time, and gave it into our hands not as a burden, but as a gift flowing from the hands of the Eternal.

God gives us time, ready to be filled. God gives us time, in which we can make meaning, and form relationship, and learn and change and grow. God gives us time. It rarely seems like enough. In some cases it is undeniably and tragically cut short. But, at the same time, in the mysterious and wonderful nature of all God's gifts, its source and nature lie in abundance. And if we can learn to accept time as a gift rather than a taskmaster, we just might begin to experience that abundance.

How can we do this? How can we move from a model of scarcity when we think about time, to one of abundance? When it comes to the stewardship of our material resources, we have discovered that the only way to escape our fear of not having enough is to begin to give things away. Can it work with time as well? How would one give away time? Surely that's what we've all done already: given away this hour here and that day there until our schedule is so jam-packed that we're exhausted as soon as our alarm rings in the morning. That can't be the answer.

How do we let go of time, so that the mutual stranglehold in which we are locked might be loosened? How could we start to give time away, and give it away so freely, so recklessly, that it began to come back to us in an abundance we never would have guessed?

Well, there might be many ways, but if we look back to our foundational story in which time is created, we discover that there's not only a God-given plan, there's a word for it: Sabbath. Time of rest. Time set aside. Time accepted purely as a gift, not to be used or consumed by busy-ness or productivity or those other many demands of our results-oriented culture.

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Time to stop. For a day ... for an evening ... start with an hour if you have to. Give that time away. Step out of whatever stress-inducing rat race you are in — is it your career, maybe the demands of a family, perhaps (gasp) even church work? Do something that produces nothing, something that cannot be entered onto any of those internal checklists of accomplishments. Do it some more. And then see what happens.

Let's face it, all the carefully scheduled, double-booked, dog-eared, computerized, overstuffed planners in the world haven't helped us in our quest for more time. Maybe it's time to even try something else. Let's start giving the stuff away.

We can't make time. The only thing we can do is receive it gratefully as the gift it is. Trust in God's abundance.

Peace,

- Daniel

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 2, 9,16, 23 and 30 at 7:00 a.m. at Stratton's Restaurant

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, September 2, 16 and 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Senior High Leaders' Meeting

Thursday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Guild

Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir and Glory Choir

Wednesday, September 8, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Parish Family Life Reception

Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Social Breakfast

Friday, September 10 and 24 at 7:00 a.m. Stratton's Restaurant

Family BBQ and Campfire

Saturday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Homecoming

Sunday, September 12 after the 10:00 service

Emmanuel at Laclede

Wednesday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Regular Service Schedule

Resumes on Sunday, September 19 Services: 8:00, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 14 at 12 noon

Senior High Work Day

Sunday, September 19

Junior High Operation Brown Bag

Sunday, September 19 at 11:15 a.m.

Adult Forum

Sunday, September19 after 9:00 a.m. service Oklahoma Mission Trip presentation

FaithQuest Open House

Sunday, September 19 Following 10:30 a.m. Family Worship

Vestry Meeting

Monday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Boot Sale

Saturday, September 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Junior High Movie and Pizza

Sunday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m.

FaithQuest Program Begins!

Sunday, September 26 at 10:15 a.m.

Inquirer's Class

Begins Sunday, September 26 at 11:30 a.m.

Book Club Discussion

Monday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. <u>Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible</u> By John MacArthur

Important Dates in Future Months

Every Member Canvass Dinner

Saturday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Baptismal Instruction

Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Bishop Smith's Visit & Behold Building Dedication

Sunday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m.

MOE/Environmental Stewardship Dinner with Peter Raven

Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Vestry Vibes

(Vestry Vibes is a regular addition to the Angelus. It is meant as a snapshot from 30,000 feet of what the Vestry is currently working on and key priorities.)

Growing up as a preacher's kid (PK) I was exposed to quite a bit of change. Life can be somewhat nomadic in terms of living and growing up in a church community. As my stepfather moved from one calling to the next, my family and I where exposed to changes in our church life, cities and sometimes even the states we lived in. With each transition we would have the sadness and regret associated with leaving what we had known as home, losing the comfort and familiarity of the



known for something unknown, something new and unfamiliar. With this change though, something else came with all of these feelings of sadness...excitement. Excitement to experience something different, to experience new locations, new people and a new church community. With each change came the opportunity for growth.

Emmanuel has experienced some big changes in the past couple of years: Clergy leaving for a different calling, the installment of Dan as our Priest-in-Charge, Susan and Earl leaving for a different calling, construction and completion of our building addition, and finally changes in our parish staff. Some might look at all of that change and have a tinge of sadness, which is understandable. I look at these changes with excitement. I am excited because of the past growth during these phases of transition, and the future potential growth of our Emmanuel family. I truly believe that change and growth come hand in hand.

All through the changes your Vestry has been guiding the parish family and looking for ways to nurture the growth

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and strength of our parish family. Changes will continue to happen as Emmanuel continues to grow. The Vestry and lay committees continue to evaluate our parish family life, our outreach and ministries. Prioritizing what is important and looking at what might need to change from the present is part a part of the evaluation. Dan continues his review of the music program and he will be calling a new parish administrator and sexton in the coming months. Vestry will continue to evaluate our many ministries. Our AIR committee continues to look at ways to Attract, Integrate and Retain new members to our family. Our Communication Committee is working on revising our logo, our means of communication, updating our web page and the ways information is disseminated. I encourage all to talk to a Vestry member and provide input of our Emmanuel or ask what changes might be on the horizon.

At Emmanuel, we are very fortunate to have such a strong and vibrant parish. I know that during these periods of change it might seem difficult. Sometimes it is hard to let go of the past. Let us remember, with change comes excitement, and an opportunity to grow, to experience new things and strengthen our church community.

- Mark Wright

Adult Forum Begins September 19 with Youth Presentation

The Adult Forum will begin on Sunday, September 19, following the 9:00 a.m. service in Emmanuel's newly refurbished dining room. Bolstered by new audio-visual support, the Adult Formation Committee is planning a varied menu of sessions including topics focusing on parish life, spiritual growth, social justice, and the Episcopal Church. We hope you will make attendance at the Forum, including social time and hot coffee with your fellow Emmanuelites, a regular part of your Sunday morning.

September 19 will offer one of the most anticipated events of the year with an audio-visual presentation on the Senior High mission trip to Oklahoma by the youth and their leaders. You won't want to miss learning about their service in the sometimes humorous and always moving words of our parish youth.



September 26 will be another important date; the Rev. Dan Appleyard will offer a presentation on current issues in the Anglican Communion. Look for future Forum topics in the next *Angelus*.

We need YOUR Stuff!!

For Emmanuel's 4th Annual Rummage Sale

Now happening on Saturday, September 25th (the date has been changed due to scheduling conflicts)

This is Emmanuel's idea of a great garage sale – lots of great stuff!!! The proceeds from the sale go to support the Mission Trips for the Adult Mission Group, Senior High and Junior High.



The sale will take place on Emmanuel's parking lot from 8am to Noon.

If you have items you would like to donate, please contact: one of the following:
Pam Belloli at 962-0634 or

pambelloli@earthlink.net, Cathi Boyd at 968-0131 or CathiBoyd@yahoo.com, or Donna Erickson at 961-3896 or donnaerickson@att.net.

If you have big items (i.e. furniture, appliances) that you would like to donate, there will be a truck picking up the Friday before the sale. Please contact Richard Keyes (962-5691 or rkeyeslaw@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule a pick up.

We are accepting gently used and clean items. **Remember one person's junk is another's treasure**. More details to follow in a news blast.

Bishop's Dedication of Our Building

Our gala celebration of the new construction will take place on Sunday, October 31, when Bishop Smith makes his visit.

Priest-in-Charge Evaluation Committee

The process for the Priest-in-Charge Evaluation is moving along and we are now beginning to wind down the information gathering phase from parishioners and committees.

While your comments are always welcome, we ask that you submit any information you'd like to share about Dan's ministry to John Snodgrass at jsnod812@sbcglobal.net by **Sunday, September 5** so that those comments can be compiled in time for our next meeting.

We are grateful for your participation.

Parking at Emmanuel

The new driveway has added 8 spots to the south side of the Church. Please note, the (2) farthest East spots (first 2 as you enter from Bompart) are non-designated. The (4) middle spaces are designated for Handicapped parking on Sundays only. The (2) spaces closest to the new building entrance are designated for handicapped parking 24/7. Please be courteous to those with limited mobility and follow these guidelines.

The parking lot has been sealed, re-surfaced and restriped. Please note the 'Emmanuel Only' spots. Those spots are reserved during the school week for parishioners. The spots that simply have letters and numbers (Such as D-1 and C-3) are rented by Nerinx Hall students during the school year. If you have church business during the week and park in the lot, please use only the spots marked 'Emmanuel Only'. Also, if you will be using the parking lot during the week on a frequent basis, please stop by the parish office to get a parking sticker for the left side of your front windshield. The Emmanuel sticker identifies your car as we check the lot for unauthorized use of it.

We need Your Help!

Emmanuel work days (see article on pg. 8) are a tremendous way to serve, and more importantly, a way to get to know fellow parishioners. We urge all that

have not participated in one of these events in the past to consider coming aboard next time...and there is an early October landscaping session is in the works

stayed tuned and rest up your GREEN THUMBS.



August Attendance Statistics				
Service Time	1st Sun.	2nd un.	3rd. Sun	4th Sun.
8:00 a.m.	20	34	18	24
10:00 a.m.	134	164	188	192
5:30 p.m.	19	28	19	22
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Avg. Sunday Attendance for August 1 –22: 219 Avg. Sunday Attendance to date for 2010: 259

Youth Activities

Junior High Youth

The Pool Party was a lot of fun – welcome back to our returning 7th and 8th graders and a BIG Welcome to our incoming 6th graders. It's going to be a great program year. Thanks to Mitch and Kay Faddis for hosting all of us.

Rite 13 starts (Faith)

Sunday, September 19, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Marie Holt and Mitch Faddis will lead the Junior High youth in Rite 13. They meet in the Junior High's Undercroft room at 10:15. Snacks included!

Operation Brown Bag (Service) Sunday, September 19, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Brown Bags are once a month and usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month immediately following Rite 13. It takes less than half an hour to prepare 75 brown bag lunches for the Christian Service Center. Please join us – let's have a big turnout to help.

Rummage Sale (Service and Fellowship) Saturday, September 25, 7-12 a.m.

We're looking for items to sale (gently used and clean) and volunteers (both parents and Junior Highers) to help with the sale. If you can help or have items, please contact Pam Belloli at 962-0634 or pambelloli@earthlink.net. Donation drop-offs will be accepted from 6:00 to 7:30am on the Emmanuel parking lot. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale go to benefit the Mission Trips.

FaithQuest 2010-2011 Invitations

OPEN HOUSE for all new and returning students and their parents following FAMILY WORSHIP on Sunday, September 19 at 10:30 a.m.

The children will meet their teachers and classmates, discover FQ's new curriculum, and are able to visit their rooms.



Pre-K and Kindergarteners will be in the Godly Play Room--1st floor of new building next to Nursery.
1st Graders meet in their Godly Play Room--2nd floor of new building between conference rooms.
2nd and 3rd Graders start out in the "Treehouse" conference room on the 2nd floor of the new building.
4th and 5th Graders meet in the former Senior High Room, 2nd floor near offices and library.
Registration: Parents can register their children during the OPEN HOUSE or preregister online at emmanuelepiscopal.org under YOUTH/CHILDREN and click on PreK-5th grade.

FaithQuest is Emmanuel's Christian education program for children ages pre-K through 5th grade. The curriculum and our dedicated group of FaithQuest teachers provide children with engaging activities and lessons each Sunday in order to further their understanding and perspectives on our faith. Classes meet in conjunction with the school year from September through May. Contact: Tricia Copeland 909-6695 (copelandtl@hotmail.com).

Emmanuel Church is excited to welcome all new and returning students and their parents.

JESUS said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Vestry Vitals

After a July recess, the Vestry and Delegates resumed their meeting schedule on August 16th. Everyone was flexible and agreed to meet a half hour early so three of the members could participate in the much anticipated playoff rivalry between the Emmanuel Eagles and Emmanuel Mavericks (2 Eagles' players, Bob Feldmann and Mark Wright, were happy at the end of the evening).

The parish financials continue to be a significant item on the Vestry's radar. Several parishioners have stepped up and completed their pledges early which helped us through the summer. Next month the Vestry plans to discuss whether additional measures will be needed in the fall to alleviate the planned \$25,000 deficit in this year's budget.

Alice Snodgrass gave a report on her work documenting all the ministries at Emmanuel. To date, she has sent surveys to 53 ministry chairs and has received about 30 responses. Thank you to those that have taken the time to respond, and if you have yet to return your survey, please do so as soon as you can. Alice is compiling information about each ministry, such as its purpose, sponsored activities, meeting schedule, membership, etc. This information will be communicated throughout the parish and should be helpful to all...especially to newcomers wanting to learn more about what we do and how they can get involved.

The Vestry also discussed the October 31 Bishop Visit/Building Dedication as well as the possible 'tweaking' of our logo. More information on both of these topics can be found in other articles in this issue of the Angelus.

Good News! Behold Update.

Our new building is complete and the use of it is in full gear. This summer, the Lewis and Clark Institute rented several of our spaces and ran two 3-week sessions. Those that stopped by during June and July saw a lot of activity from computer classes to painting and sculpture. It was nice to see our facilities supporting so many kids.



The two new nursery rooms are very active on Sunday and Parent's Day Out. The new conference and meeting rooms are in use daily. FaithQuest classes will begin in September. The room at the top of the existing stairs (outside the Parish Office) has been transformed into a Ministry Room. The lower level has a new Archives Room and a Community Room open to groups at the discretion of the Priest-In-Charge. The Undercroft now belongs solely to the Junior High. The Senior High has taken over the previous library. Oh, and that elevator means our facilities are now 80% accessible!

We have surpassed \$2,000,000 in collected pledges...80% of the pledge total.

More good news is that due the high rate of return of pledge payments and the control of construction costs, we are able to complete the dining room refresh we hoped to complete when the Behold Campaign was kicked off in 2008. As you have noticed, demolition has begun and soon you will see quite a transformation: new paint, new ceiling, new lighting, new sound system and new carpet!

Finally, the building dedication will take place with the Bishop's visit on Oct. 31. Please **save the date** and plan to attend this historic day in Emmanuel history.

DELICIOUS, GLORIOUS COOKIES!

Early in July the Funeral Receptions Committee made an appeal to the parish for cookies. Your response was wonderful, and we on the committee are so thankful to all of you for your generosity.

Emmanuel has hosted five funeral receptions with an attendance of over 600 people and we had plenty of delicious cookies and breads for each reception.

With deep appreciation, The Funeral Receptions Committee

The Deacon's Bench

There are plenty of jokes about the bad things that happen to Episcopalians who use the wrong fork. Have you heard that The Second Coming has been postponed until the fall because the Episcopal Church is closed for the summer? I don't know about the fork, but I do know that Emmanuel has definitely NOT been closed for the summer. In fact, this year, more than ever, summer has been a season for LAY MINISTRY to flourish.

Here are just a few of the things that have happened during our "off season." The food pantry has been open five days a week. As we heard in announcements, there have been plenty of clients, as "Hunger knows no season." This summer's commodity outreach project, School Supplies (see pg. 17) was a big success. You are invited to continue to pray for the student who may be using the supplies you brought! A safe and memorable Vacation Bible School was entirely a project of members of the laity, teaming with Christ Lutheran Church.

Then, there were those life-changing mission trips, with the joys of building and opportunities to learn about Native American spirituality in parts of God's Creation we had never encountered. Visits to the home-bound continued all summer, as did Martha's Meals. You may not see all the Eucharistic Ministers leave from the church because they go from different services, but, even with a few substitutions, this ministry continued all season long. Preparations for the opening of our new building went on daily. There was, unfortunately, a need for several funeral receptions. They were beautiful and comforting to the families. Folks prepared our breakfast tables, while the Altar Guild prepared the Lord's Table. Those are just a few of the things that happened.

"O.K., Deacon. We get it. What's your point?" Your deacon was heard whining a few times this summer that the transition was difficult, my phone rang in several different rooms, and I couldn't find a stapler or that I'm not Wonder Woman or a parish nurse! I surely couldn't have said that we were short of ministers. A more appropriate reaction to this summer would have been to THANK GOD FOR LAY MINISTRY. I'll be doing that. So whether you folded, measured, pushed, copied, drove or showed up, I thank God for YOU.

Peace with Justice,

- Deacon Burnell



Blood * Sweat *Tears (of joy!)..*& Food

August Workday Report by Clark Hotaling

A wise man noted that the *Angelus* can be full of 'requests for help', but often falls short of sharing the results. What he was specifically referring to was our Saturday, August 7th Workday. We begged and pleaded for bodies...to haul, mulch, paint, etc.

Well...they came and what a morning we had! 32 parishioners and staff answered the call and bravely showed up to work. By my estimate, we worked 128 person-hours and even at a very low labor rate of \$30/hr, we saved Emmanuel \$3840 in much needed labor charges. Wow!

What we accomplished:

We dismantled the library, moved the shelving, the books, and moved the HUGE conference table to the lower level Community Room. All historic photos were moved to the new Archives Room for cataloging and re-distribution.

All the sofas for the Senior High Room were moved.

Rehkopf Hall was the home for all displaced items during Behold construction. All of it was moved out. The Cherub/Junior Choirs' robes and racks were moved to the 'Green Room'...outside Rehkopf Hall.

The Emmanuel Nursery School entry way was painted, and the director's office was cleaned up. Another room was transformed to a parent/teacher room.

The bushes along Lockwood were trimmed and weeded. The Memorial Garden grounds were groomed and spruced up tremendously

The Undercroft/Archives Rooms saw a lot of action. Stored records were moved to the new Archives Room. All of the items belonging to the community groups were moved. The undercroft now awaits a fresh coat of paint and a new tile floor.

The FaithQuest rooms had their belongings moved from Jones Hall to their new spaces.

Lunch was served and consumed by the hungry masses.

The place looks great. Thanks to all! Emmanuel work days are a tremendous way to serve, and more importantly, a way to get to know fellow parishioners.

Inquirers' Class Begins on September 26 Join us for Five Weeks of Learning and Fellowship

"Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works." –*Book of Common Prayer*, page 308.

These words form part of the prayer said over newly baptized Christians. They remind us that, in a sense, we are all inquirers, regardless of how long we have been Christians or members of a particular church. There is always more to learn, and many of us find that at different stages of our life the same story or piece of information will strike us in new ways, leading to new insights and discoveries.

With that understanding of "inquirer" in mind, please consider yourself invited to our Inquirers' Class, beginning on Sunday, September 26. We will meet at 11:30 for about an hour and a half; lunch and child care will be provided. You will not have to buy any books or do any homework, just bring yourself, your questions and concerns, and an open mind (and maybe even a discerning heart!).

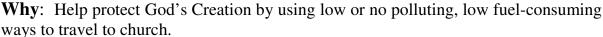
When the Bishop visits in October he will be offering confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation to eligible adults. This class will serve as required preparation for those rites (your clergy are happy to discuss eligibility), but is not restricted to those individuals who wish to participate in them. You can come to the class just to explore; there will be no pressure to be confirmed, received, or anything else! (And yes, we'll even explain what all those terms mean during the class.)

Whether you are new to Emmanuel, new to the Episcopal Church, new to Christianity--or none of the above!— your questions and your perspective will be welcomed and honored. In this class we will all strive to learn from one another, while covering the basic core beliefs held by the Episcopal Church on topics such as the nature of God, the role of Scripture, the sacraments, and more. Please **sign up for the class** on the sheet in the narthex (the entry area inside the main entrance) and let us know if you'll need child care. If you have questions, feel free to contact our priest-in-charge, Dan Appleyard (dappleyard@emmanuelepiscopal.org), or our curate, Pamela Dolan (pdolan@emmanuelepiscopal.org).

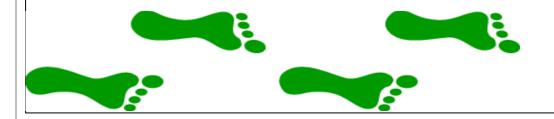
Taking Steps to Care for Creation

What: Walk, Bike, Carpool, Bus to Church

When: Before and after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday September 5, 2010



If you are unable to take alternative transportation, please help cheer on parishioners as they arrive



Tuesday Mornings at Emmanuel

Morning Prayer is offered each week at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Tuesday Bible Study will resume on **September 14** with *The Revelation to John*

We recommend as a summer read: *The Power of the Lamb: Revelation's Theology of Liberation for You* by Ward Ewing, retiring Dean of the General Theological Seminary. "This book is about power, or to be more precise, about the experience of being without power... Within the experience of powerlessness, I discovered the Book of Revelation, the record of God's people in their experience of powerlessness in the first century."

"This is a textually responsible and highly readable use of the Apocalypse of John as a sourcebook for the meaning of power in the individual and corporate lives of Christians." John Koenig.

The Tuesday Morning Bible study is open to any and all who wish to attend. We meet for approximately one (1) hour each week. Fr. Rod Wiltse will be our leader on this journey through the book of Revelation. One of the classic methods of Bible study, Lectio Divina, will be used occasionally when the particular text for the day seems to call for it. The African method of Bible study will also be used along with other methods as

well. Two basic questions to be asked regarding all of the texts are:

What is God saying to the Church in this passage and how should we respond? What is God saying to me in this passage and how will I respond?

PLEASE, come and join us! Bring a friend!

Parish Family Life News

You may have noticed that Parish Family Life is taking on a new look and new leaders this year. With Tim and Chris Knox and David and Beth Knapp heading up this year's activities, you will see some new events and a renewal of some of our older, more established events.

One of our goals this year is to see more new faces at each event. We want everyone to get involved and we need your help to make these events memorable for Emmanuel. We know your time is limited but your presence at these events will live forever in our memories. Please consider helping organize one of our gatherings. Everything will be mapped out for you. All you have to do is follow the check list. This is a great way to meet other parishioners in the church and get more involved.

Parish Family Life Welcome Reception

You're Invited

Parish Family Life would like to invite YOU to an evening of fellowship.

Thursday, September 9 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us to get into the action! Refreshments will be served.



Emmanuel Communications

The Communications Committee is excited to share with everyone what we've been working on every Sunday this summer! Although we have reviewed and evaluated all of Emmanuel's internal and external communications in great detail, we thought that we needed to start with the Emmanuel logo right away since it will be visible on all subsequent print and electronic communications.

Deciding to update our logo was not an easy or quick decision. Art Werremeyer was the first creator of our logo. He designed the chalice and chose pink/purple as the color scheme. Then a number of years ago his daughter, Gretchen Land, took his logo and updated it to the current color scheme of orange and blue. Since then, a lot has changed in the way we communicate with one another: We have new parishioners, new priests, new staff, new building, and a dynamic internet web page. We felt this was a perfect time for change!

As the design process started, it was apparent that we wanted to leave the chalice as a part of the logo. We felt strongly that the chalice in our logo is a part of our church heritage. We also believe that changing the layout of the logo wouldn't change that identity, but would make it current.

Jodie Allen was selected as the designer and has submitted many logo options. After several reviews by the Communications Committee and a final review from Vestry, we are excited to offer the final two choices for the parish to vote on! Help us select the new look for Emmanuel!

You will have several opportunities to cast your vote. You can vote on the website or you can submit your ballot to the office or in the offering plate. There will also be a paper ballot distributed at Homecoming for those who have not yet voted. There is only one vote per person and we know you all will be prayerful in your decision to choose a new look for Emmanuel.

Once the church has voted, Jodie Allen and the committee will select a color scheme, and you will start to see the new logo on the website, in the Sunday morning bulletin, on our outdoor signage, on the church letterhead, and on the many various publications of the church. Everything will flow seamlessly together!

We as a committee feel blessed to be able to be a part of this process and thank you for your help in choosing a logo!





Option 2

Liturgical Schedules via Email

The parish office has received a suggestion that in order to save paper and postage, the liturgical schedules should be emailed to each household rather than sent via snailmail. It was discussed at a staff meeting and met with overwhelming support. The present schedule runs through September 26 so check your email in mid September for the next one. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy, you may, of course, let Susie know (at 961-2393 or sfeldmann@emmanuelepsicopal.org) and one will be mailed to your home. As always, many, many thanks to the many, many liturgical participants for their most important ministries.

CLERGY & STAFF

Dan Appleyard, *Priest-in-Charge*Pamela Dolan, *Curate*Warren E. Crews, *Priest Associate*Roderic D. Wiltse, *Priest Associate*Burnell T. Esbenshade, *Deacon/Pastoral Associate*Maxine McCormick, *Interim Director of Music*Kevin Williams, *Christian Formation for Youth*

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Jill Meyers, Part-time Sexton
Glenn Dunn, Information Technology
Angela MacBryde, Nursery School

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Clark Hotaling, Senior Warden
Margaret DeYoung, Junior Warden
Bill Florent, Treasurer
Mark Jordan, Finance Committee
Marilyn Keller & Suzie Florent, Altar Guild
Jane Emerson & Mimi Shipp, Archivists
Kay Faddis, Environmental Stewardship
John Dolan & David Pluhar, Facilities Management
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About the Parish Family

Congratulations to **Brian and Tessa Weiland** on the July 26 birth of their first child, **Ava Elizabeth**. Ava entered the world weighing 8 lb, 10oz! She is also the first grandchild of proud grandparents **Duane and Anne Benson.** All are reported to be doing very well.

Congratulations to **Ann McReynolds and Max Nall** on the August 5 birth of their 4th grandchild, **Reade Whitney Stokes**, daughter of **Chris and Lindsey Nall Stokes**, and cousin of **Josie Kopff**.

Congratulations to WGHS senior **Casey Murphy** on receiving a silver award for her poetry in the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. She was invited to New York City to attend the award ceremony at Carnegie Hall and to view the Empire State Building lit in gold in honor of the award winners. *We're very proud of you, Casey!*

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Jane Emerson and Mark McReynolds** on the August 6 death of their father, **Ben McReynolds**. A memorial service was held at Emmanuel on August 21.

We also extend our sympathy to **Barb Russell and Jessica**, **Stafford**, **Max and Augie Warneke** on the August 6 death of Jessica's father, **Brian Medford**.

The sympathy of the parish is also extended to **Evelyn Archer** on the death of **Leona Archer**, her mother-in-law.

May light perpetual shine upon them.

The Emmanuel Church Foundation is grateful for gifts in memory of Minerva Canavan, Lolly Knight, Margaret Henderson, Diana Knapp and Liz Burst; in honor of the marriage of Dave Loyet and Sara Canavan; and in thanksgiving for Dale & Pamela Penrose.

The **Food Center** is grateful for gifts in thanksgiving for **Gayle Birdsong**; in memory of **Minverva Canavan**, **Diana Knapp** and **Brian Medford**; and in honor of **Eleanor Fletcher's** and **Sally Davidson's** 90th birthdays.

The **Missions Committee** gives thanks for gifts in memory of **Liz Burst**.

Acolyte Schedule

September 5, 2010

Ted Miller (TC)
Creighton DeYoung (1st.

Cruc.)

Charlie DeYoung Claire Hooker Jackson Hotaling Julian Appleyard Jack Love **September 12, 2010 HOMECOMING**

Liz Wagnon (TC) Michael Rich (1st. Cruc.) Julianna Crang Isabella Crang

Kathryn McGuire Charlie DeYoung Creighton DeYoung **September 19, 2010**

Jessica Schmitz (TC)
Tom Florent (1st. Cruc.)

Maia Langdon Kelsey Krimmel Meaghan McGuire Maggie Brennan Jack Love **September 26, 2010**

Jessica Schmitz (TC)

Allison Tappana (1st Cruc)

Ted Miller Blake Kennedy Thomas Hotaling Annabel Dolan Jameson Howard

Happy

September 1 – Bob & Betty Long

September 3 – Paul & Sue Hooker

September 4 – Chris & Jodie Allen

September 4 – Bob & Debbie Hadley

September 4 – Carl & Cynthia Rapp

September 5 – Scott & Erika Fitzgibbon

September 5 – Jerry & Kathleen Martin

September 6 – Steve & Donna Faust

Anniversary

September 6 – Dave & Nicole Ringenberg

September 10 – Kellie & Brent Hornberger

September 11 – Andy & Ann Marie Ruhlin

September 13 – Jerry & Sarah Ernsky

September 13 – Christian & Heather Vogt

September 16 – Roger & Nancy Grow

September 18 – Phil & Jennifer Smerek

September 18 – Rob & Susan Werremeyer

Happy Anniversary to the Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrated its five-year anniversary in July. Since 2005, the group has distributed 118 hand-knitted or crocheted shawls to Emmanuel members as well as their friends. After being blessed by a priest, these articles are given in the name of Emmanuel Parish. Prayer shawls are given to people experiencing some significant event or transition in their lives, with the hope that the sense of being prayed and cared for will bring them comfort and encouragement.

In addition to prayer shawls, baby blankets knitted or crocheted by our members (beginning in 2007) have been given to 51 babies baptized at Emmanuel and to babies on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. The group has also sent hats, scarves, gloves, and lap blankets to Rosebud. In addition, 165 caps were sent to Save the Newborns, while Nurses for Newborns and Garden of Innocents have received blankets and caps. The group has also sent scarves and hats for the homeless to the Diocese of Missouri, lap blankets for senior citizens, and scarves to Seaman's Institute for those working on rivers.

If you know anyone who would appreciate or who needs the comfort of a prayer shawl, please notify a member of the clergy.

The group generally meets twice a month on Thursday evenings (see the parish calendar) and always welcomes new members at any time. If you have questions about joining, please contact Peg Cooper at coopermh@slu.edu or 821-1012.



The prayers of the parish are requested for:

ARMED FORCES

Parishioners: Ethan Allman, Aaron Faust, Nathaniel Baker

Jason Martens, Jen Dunn's brother
Kevin Michael Moore, Kevin Moore's son
Lt. Col. Stephen Carson, Nan Rimbach's nephew
Barbara Carson, Nan Rimbach's niece
David Benning, nephew of Dorothy Saunders
Stephen Lopez, Sharon Prah's cousin
Capt. David Nierenberg, son of Ann McReyolds' friends
Ryan Lehmann-Deming, Sue Hooker's great-nephew
Caroline O'Sullivan, friend of Maryellen Bell

IN HOSPITAL/MED TESTS & TREATMENT

Parishioners: Carol Greene, Laura Jones

Bill Keller, Marilyn's husband Rissa Woodley, Ann McReynolds' aunt Wyatt Gehbauer, Roberta Gehbauer's great-grandson Johnita Forssberg, Alice Snodgrass' sister Stephanie MacEwen, Bron Brennan's sister Nell Pike, Burnell Esbenshade's mother Montey Wooley, Charlie Bland's son-in-law Melanie Schaufert, Eleanor Fletcher's daughter Joann, friend of Delena Moredock Micki Jobst, friend of Dexter Schraer Vickie Brubaker, friend of Tammy Free Denise Quinn, Janet Dobbs' niece Maureen Ennis, Kevin McGrane's daughter Jodie Johnson, Lissa Johnson's mother Bill Keller, Marilyn's husband Gary Goosen, MJ Kuhn's cousin Eve Lowe, Pamela Dolan's stepmother Bob Rosen, Pam's husband Serena Robbins, Sue Smith's future daughter-in-law

LONG TERM MEDICAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Grace Koerner, Edith Schrautemeier Roberta Gehbauer, Barbara Rose, Jean Weingaertner June Banks, Fran Martin, Barbara Reinhard, Collin Gunn, Charlotte Badgley, and Doris Ekstrum

Vernon Burlie, Lissa Johnson's elderly uncle Felmir Singson, friend of the Dolans Margaret Clark, Dick's aunt Edna Tappana, Gary's mother Ben Schneider, MacBryde's grandson Ginny Koehler, Robert Ard's grandmother Annie May Fielder, Roberta's mother Wylma Teczar, Steve's mother

RECUPERATING

Parishioners: Dolores Schulze, Nan Rimbach

Luther Clauss, Lou's Dad Minnie S., mother of Laura Jones' friend Mark Heaton, Judd & Marie Holt's son-in-law Randy Dunn, Glenn's brother

SERIOUS ILLNESS

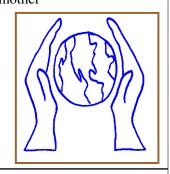
Cabe Williamson, young friend of Charlie Skinner
Tuula Kunze, Ann Crown's cousin
Jocelyn Welk, Catherine & Kevin McGrane's niece
Mike Karandief, Chris Knox's family friend
Phyllis Moore, Chris Wagnon's sister
Whitney, daughter of Chris Wagnon's friend
Douglas Dick, Diana Knapp's cousin
Erin Peak, Dore Martin's sister
JoAnne Drew, former parishioner
Dickie Priest, friend of Betsy Mackey
Ted Custer, friend of Chuck & Nancy McClary
Frances Coleman, friend of Kristyn & Bron Brennan

Marty Schmitt, friend of Margaret Rowe

Leigh Tyler, friend of Mark McReynolds
Judy Cheatham, friend of Martha LaFata
Carol Lynn Birnbaum, friend of Marti Hinkley
Franklin Montenegro, friend of Marti Hinkley
Matt Wickenhauser, friend of Nancy McClary
Edith Pemberton, friend of Nancy Williams
Phyl Corbet, friend of Nancy Williams

Janet Klumpp, friend of Rod & Pat Wiltse Andy Armistead, friend of Sally Haywood's

Mark Swaski, friend of Stella Spalt John Kohler, friend of Sue & Lou Clauss Bill Brown, Janet Brown's father Susan Scherer, Janet Dobbs' sister Bill Dolan, John Dolan's brother Jim Alworth, Marti Hinkley's step-father Brian Zimerman, Maryellen Bell's principal Mark Sutherland, Nelle Garrecht's nephew Roger Wakefield, Sharon Prah's uncle Logan, son of Ann McReynolds' friend Ramona Rice, Susan Naylor's mother



The prayers of the parish are requested for:

SPECIAL NEEDS

Parishioners: Ben Lemonds, Gayle Birdsong, Warren Druschky

Beka, daughter of Lynne Shields friend
Tony Giglio, Druschkys' great-grandson
Vernuf Benson, Duane Benson's mother
Laura Tomlinson, friend of Anne Benson
Betty Krainik, friend of Marti Hinkley
Diane Ryberg, friend of Sally Haywood
Sue Kohler, friend of Sue & Lou Clauss
Liam & Adelaide Dolan, John Dolan's nephew & niece
Peggy Thacker McCaslin, Kerry Thacker's daughter
Ann Neukomm, Mart Mitchell's aunt
Andy Wiltse, Rod & Pat's son
Jeffrey, Sue Smith's grandson
Chip Austin, Nancy Williams' grandson
Andrew Garguilo, Peg Cooper's nephew
Bill Knight, Mart Mitchell's father

SING TO THE LORD A JOYFUL SONG

There is a choir for you at Emmanuel, no matter what your age! The Emmanuel Choir (open to all teens and adults, no audition required) has started rehearsing for the year and meets each Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity for music-making and fellowship with fun and talented people. The Emmanuel Choir starts the year under the direction of Maxine McCormick, the interim Director of Music. Please join us!

The Cherub Choir (age 4-1st grade) and Glory Choir (Grades 2-5) involve children in fellowship and worship as they learn singing, rhythm, and instrumentation. The children's choirs begin on Wednesday, September 8.. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW REHEARSAL TIMES:

Cherub Choir -Wednesdays 6:00-6:30 p.m.,
Glory Choir Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 p.m. It will be wonderful to welcome new and returning members in September!

Birthdays

September 1 Jonathan McInto

Jonathan McIntosh Katherine Rycenga

September 3

Fran Koch Terry Verstraete

September 4

Tom Schroeder Eva Vognild

September 5

Kathy Johnson Jerry Martin

September 6

Casey Murphy Reina Ortiz

September 7

Lauren Aiello Heather Freeman Avery Partridge

September 8

Lori Judy Emily Mumm Lee Nelsen Sharon Prah

September 10

Cameron Collier Jim Lemonds Al Ludwig

September 12

Mark Collier Nan Rimbach

September 13

Morgan Hooker Katherine Rowlyk Dorothy Saunders

September 14

Bob Feldmann Charlotte Judy Chuck Koerner Michael Kovac Bob Long Heather Sabath

September 15

Jim Groetsch

September 16

Chris Partridge

September 17

Bob McFadden

September 18

Joyce Devlin Anne Forry Mike Ogle Dorothy Wright





The Food Center food for September is

Cereal (boxed, hot or cold)

Please give generously!

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues to meet every Thursday morning from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Stratton's Café. Pull up a chair and join us.

A Tribute to Gayle Birdsong

The following article appeared in the June/July issue of the diocesan newsletter, *Seek*.. We found it to be particularly poignant as Gail lives her last days with us.

In December of 2009 Gayle Birdsong had a party. A survival party. Gayle is diagnosed with a Glioma Blastoma brain tumor and is participating in an aggressive treatment schedule in a program from Duke University. The treatments have been difficult on her overall health and her friends rallied around with calls of support, offers of help, preparing meals, sending prayers and wishes; all the things that friends do. Gayle said, "So many friends were calling and asking what they could do for me." She wanted to take all of this energy and direct some of it towards God's mission.



Gayle sent a message to her friends and colleagues; in good health, she would be volunteering her time and efforts to assist food pantries. Would her friends help her celebrate six months of survival with a donation to one of the three food banks where she volunteers? Gayle set a goal of collecting \$1500 in two weeks. Gayle collected over \$4500 that was donated to support local food banks at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves, Trinity Episcopal in the Central West End, St. Louis, and Kingdom House. "I just want to do everything that I can to do God's work."

To celebrate her tenth month of survival, Gayle invited her friends to join her in a mission work trip to New Orleans. She wasn't sure how much work she'd be able to do each day, but was between treatments and eager to push forward. If you've met Gayle, you know how infectious her spirit is, she simply won't be slowed by this disease. So maybe it shouldn't be too much of a surprise, that at 22 months of survival, Gayle was again working on funding mission.

Finding another window, she sent out a mass email to friends and family to organize a work day on a house renovation project in north St. Louis on May 6th. 9 people put in 65 hours of hard work, which saved homeowners Vivian and Cornell between \$5,000 and \$6,000. It was a great success and there are plans in the works for another Rehab Saturday.

Gayle also used her power list to invite people to a Nurses For Newborns (NFN) baby shower held on May 16th. Friends donated 260 individual items and several hundred dollars which NFN will use to purchase still needed items. "Every day more stuff is coming in," Gayle said. "It is amazing and great fun. If any of you missed this event and would still like to donate, NFN's biggest needs today are large-size diapers (4-5) and Pull-Ups. Your donations already helped some of their other most pressing needs, such as smaller diapers and formula." Gayle continues to collect for Kingdom House; since January over 500 items have been donated, with over 1,500 items to the Dress For Success program.

After the disappointment of a seizure in April, more medicines, and no driving for six months, Gayle began the planning of the May events. "I have now survived 22 months. A longevity miracle with this cancer. For that I am exceedingly thankful," she said. "Life is good. God is good and my friends, family, and doctors are wonderful. God bless you all."

Join Us!

As we celebrate our foremothers in our second annual retreat: Befriending Women of the Bible: Lessons in Living, Loving, and Serving Saturday, October 16th, 2010 From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 1551 Bennett Ave. Warson Woods, Mo. 63122

The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door, and includes lunch
Please bring a canned good for our food barrel.

As we feed our minds and souls let us help others feed their families

Having all you need: The School Supplies Ingathering

The first day of school can be both exciting and scary. That's true whether you are entering kindergarten, junior high or graduate school. Knowing that you have what you need – what the others have – can provide that extra bit of "quiet confidence." It doesn't level the educational playing field, but it helps with that first bump.

Kevin Williams and Henry Randle were responsible for putting together that big display of supplies you may have seen in the Dining Room in July. Joan McGivney did the tedious counting. Nancy Moore, of the Missions Committee, compared this year's in-gathering to last year's, to discover that we did much better this year.

Deacon Burnell Esbenshade delivered supplies to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. They had color-coded routes there for the kids to follow for each school level. They had only two book bags in stock and we added twelve more. They were low on 3-ring binder paper. We brought tall stacks of both wide and narrow-lined. We had enough file folders to cover all the W-RH client families plus a class set for a teacher trying to teach organizational skills. Whether you brought one box of crayons or that full case someone left, they will smell good to their proud owner. We had twelve pairs of safety Fiscar scissors. The big stack of spiral notebooks are suitable for high school students, who sometimes find that the money runs out before it gets to them. Ministries Director, Ed Johnson, said that Emmanuel always comes through as an answer to their prayers.

And then...Nancy Moore filled the trunk of her car with an equal amount of supplies and delivered them to Gateway Homeless Services!

We also collected \$377 which has gone to W-RH Ministries to cover individual needs. Kids who need shoes will be given vouchers to take to Payless Shoes and be fitted. Some kids need underwear. There are calculators required or a lock for the school locker. Unfortunately, free public education isn't as free as it used to be. Take a moment during the Prayers of the People to pray for the child carrying the item you contributed.



New Parish Ministry Leaders

You don't have to be at Emmanuel long to recognize that the real engine that keeps this place humming is...you!

We have so many people involved in so many ministries that this truly would not be the same parish without that ethos of widespread involvement and leadership. (Please give yourselves a pat on the back now!) We try to keep the whole parish informed when leadership roles change hands, so here is a quick update about a couple of changes that have taken place recently.

Parish Family Life is now being led by the stellar team of **David and Beth Knapp and Tim and Chris Knox**. They have some wonderful plans that are coming together swiftly and that you will be hearing more about soon. Be sure to attend the PFL reception on Thursday, September 9. See the invitation on pg. 10.

Many thanks to **Duane and Anne Benson and Jennifer Sisul** for their outstanding service to the Parish Family Life ministry last year.

In addition, the awesome team of **Dave Pluhar and John Dolan** is now leading up the **Facilities Management Committee**. We have been keeping them very busy already and are grateful for the time and effort they are putting into keeping our beautiful buildings in good shape.

Many thanks to **Mark DeYoung** for the countless hours he spent as chair of Facilities Management. He not only did a wonderful job, his pleasant attitude and unflappable demeanor impressed everyone who worked with him.

It is great to be able to report that these two important ministries continue in such good hands.

The results of the All Parish Conference Survey are in!

The survey was designed to provide input on two distinct questions. The first was to poll parishioners on their preference of where to hold next year's 2011 APC event, at Emmanuel or return to Potosi. The second was to poll preferences regarding the future APC events more generally (i.e., after 2011).

Participants' responses to the first question were as follows:

The 2011 A	PC be held at Potosi	36.5%
The 2011 A	PC be held at Emmanuel	63.5%

One explanation for the reduction in the number of those registering for Potosi has been that while many express genuine interest in attending, issues pertaining to the allotment of time and resources can prove to be a challenge. In order to examine this concern we asked an additional question:

What is the likelihood that you would register for the following events:

	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat Likely	Unlikely
2011 APC at Potosi	22.9% (11)	14.6% (7)	29.2% (14)	33.3% (16)
2011 APC at Emmanuel	54.3% (25)	21.7% (10)	19.6% (9)	4.3% (2)

Participants were asked to rate the following regarding future APC events.

What is the likelihood that you would register for the following events:

	Very Likely	Likely	Somewhat Likely	Unlikely
APC at Emmanuel (Every Year)	48.1% (25)	28.8% (15)	17.3% (9)	5.8% (3)
APC at Potosi (Every Year)	16.3% (8)	16.3% (8)	12.2% (6)	55.1% (27)
APC at Potosi (Every 2nd Year)	19.2% (10)	19.2% (10)	21.2% (11)	40.4% (21)
APC at Potosi (Every 3rd Year)	16.3% (8)	26.5% (13)	18.4% (9)	38.8% (19)

The survey was completed by 61 participants representing the various demographics of the parish (except ages 13-21 were underrepresented).

You'll laugh, you'll cry, but you won't be solicited.

(Don't worry - that will come later in October).

Be sure to **save the date** and plan to attend the dinner and light-hearted show that will kick off this year's Every Member Canvas.

Saturday night, October 2nd.



Reflections from a new member of the mission trip to Mission, South Dakota.

The friendships and relationships that were created between Emmanuel and Christ Lutheran parishioners are wonderful. Together we worked on two houses, one for a blended family of 14 people, and the other for a mother and son. The days were long and hard. We moved out of our comfort zones, and what once seemed so important is not all that important for the week that we were there. We took away more from the experience than we gave. We built many new friendships with everyone, going beyond the Sunday morning "Hi, how's it going?"

The mornings started out so fresh with the grassy smells and on some mornings we could watch the fog roll in over the pastures. The evenings always had a cool breeze blowing. The sunrises were breathtaking, the blue sky during the day was unbelievable and the sunsets were just as grand. The night skies were filled with millions of stars.

Sunday morning we went to worship service and Sunday afternoon we traveled to Smith Falls, Nebraska for an afternoon of fun and laughter and just getting to know everybody in the group. On Wednesday we went to the Black Hills, worked our way back to the Badlands and had the experience of doing a communion service in God's natural cathedral. We were on a plateau with hills all around us. As we were doing the service at dusk, a songbird was singing, and, at the time of communion, we had bats flying between us. Every day we had morning and evening devotions, called "circle time".

One of the greatest experiences we had was on Tuesday evening when we did the feeding of the loaves and fishes at a picnic we had for about forty people. The menu was given to us by the children. One of the little boys, about three years old, looked at his mommy and said "We have ice cream and sprinkles!" with eyes open as wide as the sky.



We had a number of evening visitors who knew the group because this mission trip has been going to the Rosebud Indian Reservation for so many years.

If you have never been on a mission trip, it is an experience of a lifetime and once you do it, you want to do it again. It is something your soul longs for. You do it for the community but you do it also for yourself.

- Rudy Walz

INFLUENZA PREVENTION!

This year's <u>INFLUENZA PREVENTION!</u> activity will happen on Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.. Influenza has been the bane of humankind for hundreds of years with the virus doing a little switch every year. This year's vaccine will also contain the H1N1 strain that has been so bothersome. Watch the newsletter for more details and a list of insurance plans accepted by the VNA. There is a sign up sheet on the Big Bend Bulletin Board. **Signing up isn't required but will help us not run out of vaccine.**

BLOOD DRIVE

Save your red cells! Come join us on Saturday, October 30, 2010 for the annual blood drive. One unit of blood can help up to four people. In the comfort of your very own parish hall with the support of your parish family members, you can donate your blood. Mississippi Valley ,with their excellent technicians, will be our donor agency. They service many of our local hospitals as well as our service men and women. We will start sign ups in late September.

Katherine Ziegler, R.N., Parish Nurse

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The next newsletter deadline is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 14</u>, for the issue to be published on <u>September 21</u>. All articles and information should be submitted to Kathy Wright (parishadmin@emmanuelepiscopal.org) in the parish office (by email, if possible). Thank You.

Sunday Worship Schedule and Propers

September 5, 12, 19, 26

Child care is available in the new 1st floor nursery (near the Big Bend entrance) from 9:45 a.m. until after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Christian Formation for all ages resumes on September 19

An age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word for children (Children's Chapel) is offered at the 10:00 a.m. service.

September 5 and 12

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

September 19 and 26

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 9:00 &10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Propers for September 5 (18C)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Propers for September 19

(20C)

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Propers for September 12

(19C)

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-11 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Propers for September 26

(21C)

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16:19-31