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Pastor Sorum update:

As most of the congregation knows, Pastor Sorum and Council have been in mediation as a result of one of the points of the Bishop's recommendations. Mediation seemed to be far apart on several occasions, so far that some thought that it was dead. Then Pastor requested mediation to attempt to agree on an exit compensation package as part of his resignation. The first round of the mediation was left with huge demands without the ability of the church to fund it. Again, it seemed that we were at an impasse. Just before Pastor Sorum left for vacation, he reactivated with a new offer, one that substantially closed the distance. Council met and formed a counter-offer (which was very close to his proposal) and was accepted by Jon.

I apologize that nothing has been said relating to his last sermon, but as of this writing the attorneys are discussing and fine tuning wording that is acceptable to all. By the time this is received in the mail, I expect that the parties will have fully agreed and signed off.

What now?

If a man loves me, he will keep my words. John xiv.23.

Martin Luther says in his book, *Day by Day We Magnify Thee* devotional book the following:

“The Church on earth must exist and fight in weakness, poverty, and affliction, fear, death, shame, and blame. Calamity will force you to step out of yourself and not to rely on the council, help, and strength of men, but you must have Christ in your heart, so that you hold His Name, Word, and Kingdom higher, dearer, and more precious than all things on earth.” He also goes on to say that we must love with more than words.

There must be living works and the evidence of love, as the words, “keep my sayings“ mean. This is, a love which fights and overcomes. For it is the true nature of true love to do all things for the sake of the beloved Christ.

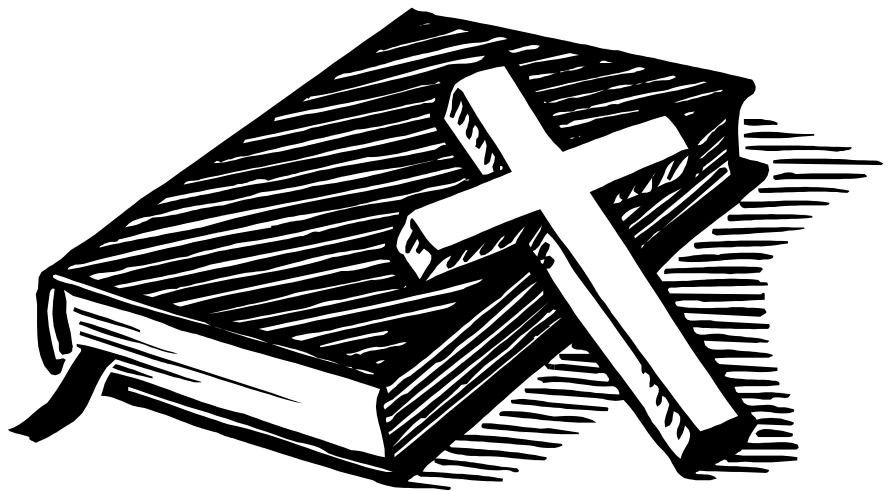
The time is at hand where we must all be involved in bringing together the community of believers at Emmanuel. There is a lot to do. First I ask for prayers for all in the community that we keep our eyes on Jesus and the work He has called us to. No task is too small or unimportant, when asked to help what will you say? Many hands make the load lighter.

Some things to know; Pastor Brandt, Pastor Ray, Mary Jane Haemig along with our intern Matt Metevelis will be preaching in the month of June. As summer goes on other pastors will be invited to preach as we search for an interim/transition pastor. Council is looking at forming a Transitional Team, which will help Council with many of the details of running the church; the preaching schedules, Sunday school, educational coordination, etc. This will give Council the time it needs to get back to the business of the church and to work on getting Emmanuel back into its missions. Several churches in the area have gone through this process and found it to be successful. What we learn about this process will be shared with the congregation as we move forward.

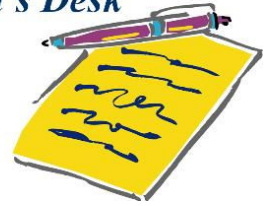
We do need to remember, this congregation is not made up of “sides”. It is made up with people who generally care about others. Now is the time for all to come back together and help to get us moving again. Remember, we all need to love and to respect one another, even if we have differing opinions.

Peace,

Bob Mattson
Council President



*From the
Intern's Desk*



It seems like a long time ago that I filled out all the paperwork required to apply for internship. When the forms asked what I wanted out of internship I remember responding that I wanted to continue learning in a congregation full of professors. I wrote this in a characteristic rhetorical flourish. My great joy is to report to you in my final message to you that I got my wish ... and more.

You all have certainly been great “professors.” I have heard from so many of you “professions” of faith in Jesus Christ and watched the consequences of this faith take shape in your lives. I have seen the long hours that some of you have put in the work of this church when you thought nobody was looking. I have been inspired by the care and interest the young people take in the least of their brothers and sisters in this community. I have watched so many of our members meet their Lord in the joy of the resurrection and had my own faith strengthened. And most of all have found kindred spirits in people that wish to hear the good strong word of the Gospel, and won’t stomach the watered-down lukewarm Christianity that festers in so many of our churches today.

And yes, I have watched you suffer as a congregation. I have seen so many of you at your best, and many of you I have seen at your worst. But in all of you through the troubles the congregation went through never stopped giving voice to that great faith that lives inside you. From all of you I learned to grow in ways that I did not think were possible. I love the Word of God, but it was not until I started working at Emmanuel and dwelling in the Word with all of you that I really began to love preaching it. Emmanuel Lutheran, despite everything, has taught me how to be a pastor, and whatever I do in ministry and elsewhere I will always give you the credit.

I will be leaving on July 1st. June will be an exciting time for me but sad. I really am a creature of the usual and the routine. Whenever I have to make a transition I always find it hard. I will find it much harder in this case because I am leaving such great people. I’m going to do my best to tell all of you goodbye, but let this letter be my official one! But in Christ we will have no goodbyes, we will always be together in the life we share in him.

I will always pray for Emmanuel Lutheran Church. It doesn’t help for me to leave at such a hard time but I know that the Holy Spirit is not through with you yet. There is much work to be done for the Gospel in Tacoma, and I have great faith in the warriors who take the fight to the devil in this congregation. This area, and indeed the entire country and world, is changing so fast that so many people have their lives turned upside down all the time. Fear about terrorism and the economy, a culture that worships self over the other, neighborhoods changing shape, families torn apart by mistakes and bruises, and a nameless misery that seems to creep up on all those in America who have so much abundance and yet feel an oppressive sense of scarcity; all these things darken the world around us. But right here, right at 14th and Stevens, we have light that no darkness can overcome! Jesus Christ rushes here all the time to forgive sinners and bind up and heal his broken human family. No matter how bad it seems remember that the real problems are outside these doors, and it is your job to go get the refugees!

Matt Metevelis

Children's Message

Dutch Randall

Director of Youth Ministries

When I was little, my grandmother gave me a book about animals titled *Strange but True Things that Birds do*. One of the stories was about a type of bird called a grebe that eats its own feathers! I enjoyed the book so much that I asked for more, and my grandmother gave me more books from the series about reptiles, animals and even fish! The grebe, an animal that doesn't need water and a fish that has a fishing line on its head, all sound strange, but are all creatures created by God.

The grebe eats its own feathers so that when it eats fish, the bones won't become stuck in its throat. A koala bear in Australia can live entirely on the leaves from a eucalyptus tree. He doesn't even need water! The moisture from the leaves is enough that the koala is never thirsty. Deep down in the ocean there is a fish called the angler fish that has a long string like muscle on its head that looks like a worm. When smaller fish come in for a look - SNAP! The angler fish eats it.

God has given every creature on earth exactly what it needs to survive. Even people! 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us that "God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm . . . He will give you the strength to endure it." And in 2 Corinthians 12:9 He reminds us that "My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak." God keeps his promises and has provided us with everything we need to survive. He has given us His protection, His grace and even His only son so that we can be happy and be with Him forever.

Even now as an adult, I like to look for animals when I am out during the summer and even sometimes hope to catch a glimpse of some animal I have never seen before. I know that God is there for me and all the creatures that he created, because he loves us all.



100 Words from China Service Ventures

TRAVELCHINA

Every year China Service Ventures (CSV) arranges for groups to travel to China to see, touch, and experience this ancient culture...however, this is not your normal “tour” of China. In fact, the word tour hardly describes a “Friends of CSV Visitation”.

While we will visit historical and cultural sites (the Great Wall, Summer Palace, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Terra Cotta Warriors, and the Nestorian Tablet- China’s early monument to the first Christian missionary), CSV’s purpose in providing this travel opportunity is to see a part of China that most travelers don’t see- the rural countryside and the Christian Church.

Because of the extensive relationships CSV has nurtured in the past 5 years, we have a great opportunity for travel groups to visit churches, schools, and medical clinics to meet the people we serve. CSV offers this educational opportunity so you can be better informed about the Church in China and needs facing those living in the rural areas.

Our next Friends of CSV Visitations are October 4-19 and October 19-November 8. Both Visitations will travel to Beijing, Xi’an, Xinyang (CSV’s area of service) and Hongkong. The latter Visitation will include travel on the Yangtze River.

Did you know that a Friends of CSV Visitation may be up to 75% tax-deductible? With CSV’s 501 3 (c) charitable organization status most of your costs (administration & orientation fees, air travel, in-country transportation, meals and lodging) may be tax-deductible.

For more information regarding itinerary, travel preparations, and costs contact Rev. Steven Ray at 1.877.408.7056 steverayCSV@aol.com or Jennifer Krueger at 1.651.659.1396 or chinaserviceventures@hotmail.com

Join CSV in October and November as we begin to understand China, her culture, people, and the Christian Church. This will be an unforgettable experience!

Grace and Peace,

Reverend Steven Ray, CSV

Director of Relationships

1.877.408.7056

steverayCSV@aol.com

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President.....Bob Mattson
Vice President.....Angela McDougall
Finance.....Dave Andersen
Recorder.....Nancy Savage
Education.....Jim Ellingson

Resource..... Roger Ahrens
Outreach.....Laurie Moren
Worship & Music.....Russ Holtz
Fellowship.....Maylin Clark



Due to extra meetings this month the Church Council Highlights were not available at the time of this printing. For those of you who would like a copy of the church council minutes of these meetings, they will be available in the church office.

Let's Get Involved . . .

We are looking for a few good people to lend us a hand! Do you have an interest in the following?

Childcare Board looking for 2 members – committee meets once a month

Finance Committee looking for 3 – 4 additional members – meets once a month

A background in accounting or finance is helpful to the committee.

Fellowship Committee seeking helping hands to assist with church events.

Church Van Drivers – Drive once a month either on Saturday or Sunday.

Volunteer Coordinator

Sunday School Director

Council Secretary

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office at 253-752-3571 or one of your council members.



WE HAVE A WEBSITE!

CHECK US OUT AT:

www.emmanuel-tacoma.org

ECHOES newsletter is now available on the website!

Contact Information

Church Office.....	752-3571
Emergency Phone Number	253-318-5006
Matt Metevelis, Intern.....	Ext. 13
Mary Mobley, Administrative Secretary/Bookkeeper/Wedding Coordinator..	Ext. 11
Mary Foege, Director of Music.....	Ext. 14
Judy Bebich, Program Coordinator/Secretary.....	Ext. 15
Dutch Randall, Youth Director.....	Ext. 23
Wendy Hrvatin, Childcare Director.....	752-1195
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Youth Director.....	youthgroup@emmanuel-tacoma.org
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Web Sites

Emmanuel's Web Site.....	www.emmanuel-tacoma.org
Southwest WA Synod Web Site.....	http://www.lutheranssw.org

Moving? Or Temporarily Away?

PLEASE!!! Save the church some money?



Please notify the church office of your **new address** and **phone number** so we can update our records. **You can do this on a worship card or call the church office at 752-3571.** This current information is greatly appreciated. It also saves the church **a lot of money** when we don't have to pay the returned postage. When we have to re-send mail such as offering envelopes and other bulk rated mail, we do not get the bulk mail rate again. And it cost a lot of money to send at the regular rate. Please notify the church office if your address changes.

ATTENTION!!! DEADLINE: JULY-AUGUST ECHOES

JUNE 16TH

Please note that all July-August ECHOES articles are due in the church office on **Monday, June 16th.** If your article is not received by that time, it will **not** be published in the upcoming issue. In order for members to receive the ECHOES by the first of each month, you must have all of your information by the due date. You may e-mail your articles and information to Judy in the church office at either of the following addresses.

Judy_emmanuel22@hotmail.com

Progco@emmanuel-tacoma.org

FYI....If you want to know the availability of a room or have an event scheduled on the calendar, or have some information to put in the ECHOES newsletter or the weekly bulletins, please call or e-mail **Judy Bebich** (progco@emmanuel-tacoma.org). If you want information on weddings or have financial questions, please call or e-mail **Mary Mobley** (office@emmanuel-tacoma.org). If they are not available please leave a message at the front desk and your call will be returned promptly.

Mark your calendars!

Join us on Saturday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m. for a presentation by visiting theologian **Professor Melinda Quivik**, Assistant Professor of Christian Assembly, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

"Wading in the Water: What's Baptism For, Anyhow?"

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
301 E. Lopez
Port Angeles, WA
360.452.2323
email: htlc@olympen.com



All are welcome. This presentation is geared for both lay and rostered persons. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

Professor Quivik will also preach and lead an adult forum on Sunday morning July 27 (worship is at 8:30 and 11:00, adult forum at 9:45)

The Holy Trinity Visiting Theologian Fund was set up in honor of Pastor Charlie Mays upon his retirement in 2005.

About Dr. Quivik:

Education: BA in English education, St. Olaf College, 1972; MA in the history of education, Columbia University, Teachers College, 1977; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 1994; PhD in Worship, Proclamation, and the Arts, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, 2003; pastorates in Montana (1993-98) and Minnesota (2002-05).

In 2003, Dr. Quivik was adjunct professor of worship at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Her theological school teaching experience also includes Luther Seminary in St. Paul and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.

She has worked in a number of capacities with the Renewing Worship project of the ELCA: as a member of the preaching consultation on "Principles for Worship," as a member of development panels for the Holy Communion and Life Passages liturgies, as a presenter for Renewing Worship Days in several different synods, and as an organizer of testing for the holy communion settings.

Her book, *A Christian Funeral: Witness to the Resurrection* (Augsburg Fortress, 2005) is part of the Worship Matters series, utilizing research from her PhD work *The Beautiful Funeral: The Aesthetics of a Liturgy* (UMI, 2003). She has published in *Sundays and Seasons*, the journal *Liturgy*, and in various homiletical helps. At the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Florida, she was one of the preachers for the daily eucharist.

As a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL), she convenes the Liturgical Language Seminar and previously also convened the Lutheran caucus of NAAL. Dr. Quivik is also a member of the Academy of Homiletics and the American Association of Religion.

ADULT FORUM FOR JUNE
Sundays at 11:00 A.M.
in Room 200

- June 1** No forum – congregational meeting
June 8 Synod Assembly report
June 15 Council Townhall Meeting (*Bob Mattson*)
June 22 *Prof. Mary Jane Haemig*, Luther Seminary
June 29 *Prof. Mary Jane Haemig*, Luther Seminary

Note: Sunday morning adult Bible study is in recess until September.

BE A SILENT HERO!



Blood Drive

Saturday, June 14th

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

in Room 200

Please come and Donate!

Silent Heroes for March 22nd:

Sharon K. Anderson

Daniel P. Bravo

Michael L. Gage

Timothy R. Luhring

Kathryn S. Poole

Nancy J. Savage

Thank you for helping save lives!

THANK YOU TO:

DORIS ANDERSON, ELAINE BERG, GLORIAN DELORME, JOYCE FARMER, MARGE GUTHRIE, MARY ELLEN GLOCKNER, ANITA IDE, VERNA JONES, JOAN KAPLIN, GLORIA LINDSTROM, NORMA LYSLO, SHARON MARTIN, JO NICHOLS, MYRNA SPARKS, and JAN WALTIER, for all of their wonderful help in the church office.

COLLEEN DOCKERY and NANCY SAVAGE, for all the work they do taking charge of the *Lay School of Theology* class registration.

VERDA JACOBSON, for all the work she does with all the church mailings.

ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, who help with extra projects in the church office.

LINDA FUSON, for all her hard work setting up the volunteer schedule and calling for readers each month.

SHEILA MOE, for the calling she does for volunteers to serve as worship assistants each month.

ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE AS LAY LEADERS, LAY READERS AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, you are very much appreciated.

ELAINE BERG, LINDA FUSON, ANITA IDE, NORMA LYSLO, JAN WALTIER and anyone else we might have forgotten, for bringing treats and flowers into the church office last month.

MARNA CLARK and THE COUNTERS, for all their dedicated service.

ELIZABETH ALTAR GUILD, FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE AND ALL OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES, your continued and dedicated service is very much appreciated.

VOLUNTEER VAN DRIVERS, who make it possible for ones that cannot drive to come to worship services.

EMMANUEL'S CHOIRS and MUSIC STAFF, for all the beautiful music they provide for our worship services throughout the year.

RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL

**SHAWN BRADY
MARY HOILAND
BILL LEE
LILLIAN PAPPAS**

Note:

If a family member is hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office or the pastoral cell phone. This way the Pastors can be there when they are needed.

SYMPATHIES

Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation extends its heartfelt Christian Sympathy to:

JAMES GIMSE and family on the May 2nd death of their loved one, and long-time Emmanuel member, **JO GIMSE.**

DOROTHY GUNDERSON on the recent loss of her husband, **RUSS GUNDERSON.** Russ was a long-time Emmanuel member.

HERB & NANCY PURDY on the recent death of their brother-in-law.

EMILY ROSE L. WHITE & family on the death of her grandmother, Pauline on May 16th.

PARISH RECORDS

Child Baptisms

5/18 Stella Lucia Smith

Funerals & Memorials

5/8 Jo Gimse

5/21 Russ Gunderson

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

JAMES BRYAN for receiving Best of Show in the Pine Car Derby for Tiger Pack 361-Den 6 and Certificate of Outstanding 1st Grade Communicator at Enterprise Elementary in April-2008.

JOHN MARZANO who won 1st place in the Washington Music Educators Association's state solo vocal contest at Central in Ellensburg Washington on April 20th. This places John as the top high school tenor in the state of Washington. Way to go guys!

THANK YOU !!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 219 would like to thank members and friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church that supported our recent successful dinner and auction fundraiser. Fun was had by all who attended. Proceeds from the event will send our young men to summer camp.



Dear Friends in Christ at Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

My name is Ryan Gage, and I am a Middler (second year) Master of Divinity student at Luther Seminary, and a candidate for ordained ministry from the Southwestern Washington Synod. I grew up in the Lewis County area, and my home congregation is St. John's in Chehalis. I would like to express my deep appreciation to you all for your generous scholarship support which helped to pay for my seminary education this semester.

Your support makes a real impact in the lives of my wife, Edith, and I. Edith is also a full-time Master of Divinity student at Luther, and as a two-seminarian family, finances are always a serious concern. The scholarship you provided helped to limit the amount of student loans I needed this year to pay the tuition, which is both a blessing to me and my family now and in the years to come. Thank you so very much.

Edith and I are preparing for internship next year, and we recently found out that we have been placed in congregations in Bemidji, Minnesota. I'm excited for the new challenges and experiences that are to come, and am looking forward to "the move north" this summer.

Thank you again for your support, both financially and through prayer. Please know that you are making a gigantic difference in the lives of two seminarians.

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Ryan Gage

1608-C Eustis Street #110

Lauderdale, MN 55108

Paul Morris and the Men's Ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

It is with great appreciation that I write this letter to express our sincere gratitude for the generous donation of board games for our Winterfest Family Friendly event.

Through combined donations and event funding over 300 children and families participated in holiday activities in the visit room and received gifts in December.

The Washington Corrections Center is the Receiving Center for incarcerated men in Washington State and a medium-security prison. We have a strong commitment to community safety and security and focus on successful reentry of inmates back into the community. Family support and unity depends on strengthening the inmate's relationship with his children, significant other, parents and grandparents. Your donation of board games directly supports this effort by increasing the interaction and level of healthy activity during visiting and at home. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity in support of the families of inmates serving time at WCC.

Sincerely,

Judy Mayo
Community Partnership Program Coordinator

Easter Basket Thank You!

Thank you for the wonderful surprise, the gift of food for Easter.

I am elderly, disable & alone so I shared it with a neighbor couple who help me a lot. They are having a hard time financially and she is in a hospital bed. Bill baked the ham and we shared a wonderful dinner.

Thanks to each and every one of you.

God Bless you all,
Mary Lou Ferguson and Bill and Brenda Knox

Dear Friends,

Greetings and Peace to all of you. As some of you may be aware, here at Mount Cross we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year! We are very excited and are hosting programs all year to help celebrate and support our community. One program that is coming up is open to everyone who would like to get involved!

Mount Cross, working with Cascade Regional Blood Services, is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, June 8th, from 12:00 to 6:00pm. We have a goal to get 50 donors—one for each year of blessing at Mount Cross! Our theme for our 50th celebrations is "The Gift Goes On", and what a better way to pass a gift along than to donate blood to save lives.

You may contact me at the number below, or by email to this address (dc@mountcrosslutheran.org). I would be happy to answer any questions you might have!

So far we have 38 donors signed-up, so we're looking for 12 more and hope that you will consider joining the fun (free cookies and juice of course!).

Continued blessings to all of you ,

Jessica Thompson
Discipleship Coordinator
Mount Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
253.564.2200

FLOWER CHARTS

The new 2008 flower charts are posted in the Narthex. If you would like to provide flowers, please stop by and pick a date. An Altar Guild member will call you for the information to be put in the bulletin. The price is \$28.00 per bouquet.

Thank you,
The Elizabeth Altar Guild



Knit Wits

We meet in the Fireside Room
Mondays - 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

If you would like to work on a portable craft, or would like to learn a portable craft, Knit Wits is for you! Instruction is always available on many types of crafts.

Everyone, including youth, is welcome to join us anytime!

Any questions call:
Elvine Carman at
752-3875.



Martha Circle

Date: June 4th Place: Fireside Room

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Teacher: Pastor Al Gerstmann

Need transportation?

The church van is available to pick up and return anyone who would like to come to Martha Circle. Please call Vihollie Rice for information at 759-1433.

Faith Circle

Faith Circle will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 A.M. in Room 202. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10th. Bring your sandwich!

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Thursday, June 5th at the home of Les and Sheila Moe at 2701 N Bristol St.

756-9659

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

Elizabeth Altar Guild will be meeting in the Fireside Room on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 P.M. Please join us and see what we are all about-we are looking for new members!! Hope to see you there!!



Hostesses for the month of June are:
Aldyth Cameron & Mim Ritter

Summer Youth Happenings



Middle School Youth

The annual Middle School Service Weekend is scheduled for August 15-17. See Dutch for details. The cabin only holds 10 youth - so don't wait too long!

High School Youth

- High School Mission Trip to San Francisco. June 30 - July 8!
- July 24th - Mystery Outing
- July 27th - Root Beer Float Social (A thanks to the Congregation for their support)
- August 1 - High School Lock-In

Don't miss out on the church picnic, golf tournament or Vacation Bible School this summer

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON

For God so loved the world
that he gave his only
FORGOTTEN
Son ...



<http://thebackpew.com>

Martin Luther Speaks!

"The law says 'do this' and it is never done. Grace says, 'believe in this' and everything is already done!"

The most overlooked miracle in life is that God is here in our everyday life in the form of bread, wine, words and people!

**John 3:16 Scripture Memorization
'BLOOPER'**

Emmanuel Lutheran Child Care

June 2008

Wow, it seems summer is here. We have been having a lot of sunshine. Let's make sure to keep our little ones in sun block and hats. Also, please stay hydrated.

Our center participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Hop-a-thon. We raised over \$1000.00. Way to go parents and children. The children enjoyed hopping. They also learned what the MDA does, for children with disabilities.

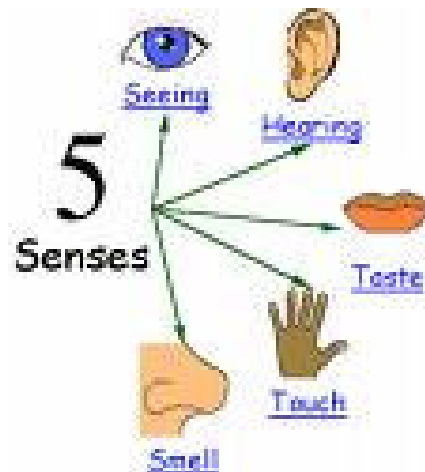
Thank you everyone who made Teacher Appreciation Week so enjoyable. We loved the decorations and the gifts.

This month the theme is Health and Safety. We will be learning about personal hygiene, our bodies, and the five senses. Fire safety, and stranger awareness. The fire department will be visiting us on June 24. Please join us if you can.

We have waiting list in all of our classrooms. If you know someone looking for care please contact us at 253-752-1195.

Have a wonderful month.

ELCC staff



Volunteer with us, and Help make a difference!



**We will paint as many homes as we have crews.
*Your congregation says "YES," and one more home
gets painted; it's as simple as that.***

Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful has been organizing volunteers to paint the homes of low-income seniors and low-income people with disabilities since 1985.

This will be our 24th year. Last summer approximately 2000 volunteers painted 86 homes in Tacoma and throughout Pierce County.

It was the highlight of the summer because it was a great opportunity to meet some people [in my church] who I didn't know very well and make great friendships with them. – Matthew Con elly, College Heights Ward

In addition to the primary purpose of the program -- helping someone who can no longer afford to maintain their home -- there are a number of reasons why it's a wonderful project.

- ◆ It's a short-term commitment (mid-July to mid-August).
- ◆ The results of your labors are *immediate and tangible*.
- ◆ It's a community-building and morale-boosting project for any group. Doing physical work together is a wonderful way to deepen friendships and group bonds.
- ◆ It's also wonderful for children to experience this alongside their parents and neighbors: it's a good learning experience about what is possible when we put out the energy.

Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful is a program of Associated Ministries.
**For further information, call us at 253-383-3056, ext 106 or visit us
on the web at www.paintbeautiful.org.**

MESSAGES OF COMFORT AND HOPE

I John 3:16-24

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need, but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions in the truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the spirit he gave us.

Nehemiah 1:5-11

Nehemiah's Prayer

“Oh Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees, and laws you gave your servant Moses.

“Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.

“They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servants to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”

Commentary

Nehemiah fasted and prayed for several days, expressing his sorrow for Israel's sin and his desire that Jerusalem would again come alive with the worship of the One True God. Nehemiah demonstrated the 5 elements of effective prayer:

1. Praise
2. Thanksgiving
3. Repentance
4. Specific requests
5. Commitments

Heartfelt prayers, like Nehemiah's, can help clarify any problem you may be facing, God's great power to help you and the job you have to do. By the end of his prayer time, Nehemiah, knew what action he had to take. (Nehemiah 1:11). When God's people pray, difficult decisions fall in proper prospective, and appropriate actions follow.

Proverbs 27:1-24

Do not congratulate your self about tomorrow,
since you do not know what today will bring forth.

Let some one else sing your praises, but not your own mouth,
a stranger, but not your own lips.

Heavy is the stone, weighty is the sand;
heavier than both, a grudge borne by a fool.

Cruel is wrath, overwhelming is anger;
but jealousy, who can withstand that?

Better open reproof
than feigned love.

Trustworthy are blows from a friend,
deceitful are kisses for a foe.

The gorged throat revolts at honey,
the hungry throat finds all bitterness sweet.

Like a bird that strays from its nest,
so is anyone who strays away from home.

Oil and perfume gladden the heart,
and the sweetness of a friendship rather than self-reliance.

Do not give up your friend or your father's friend;
when trouble comes, do not go off to your brother's house;
better a near neighbor
than a distant brother.

Learn to be wise, my child, and gladden my heart,
that I may have an answer to anyone who insults me.

The discreet sees danger and takes shelter,
simpletons go ahead and pay the penalty.

Take the man's clothes!
He has gone surety for a stranger.

Take a pledge from him,
for persons unknown.

Whoever at dawn loudly blesses his neighbor –
it will be reckoned to him as a curse.

The dripping of a gutter on a rainy day and a quarrelsome woman are alike:
Whoever can restrain her can restrain the wind and take a firm hold on grease.

Iron is sharpened by iron,
one person is sharpened by contact with another.

Whoever tends the fig tree eats its figs,
whoever looks after his master will be honored.

As water reflects face back to face,

so one human heart reflects another.
Sheol and Perdition are never satisfied,
insatiable too are human eyes.
A furnace for silver, a foundry for gold:
A person is worth what his reputation is worth.
Pound a fool in a mortar, among grain with a pestle,
his folly will not leave him.
Know your flocks' condition well, take good care of your herds;
for riches do not last forever,
Crowns do not hand themselves
from age to age.

Psalm 150

Praise the lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power

Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet

Praise him with the harp and lyre

Praise him with tambourine and dancing

Praise him with the strings and flute

Praise him with the clash of cymbals,

Praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

Commentary

In a way, the book of Psalms parallels our spiritual journey through life. It begins by presenting us with 2 roads – the way to life and the way to death. If you choose God's way to life, we still face both blessings and troubles, joy and grief, successes and obstacles. Throughout it all, God is at our side, guiding, encouraging, comforting, and caring.

The Evangelism Committee

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE 2008

Lay Readers

Sunday	1st	8:30 A.M.	Donna Nelson
Saturday	7th	5:00 P.M.	Marge Guthrie
Sunday	8th	8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Dr. Mike Gage Dr. Dan Cook
Saturday	14th	5:00 P.M.	Debbie Gallinatti
Sunday	15th	8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Susan Alexander Dr. Dale Wirsing
Saturday	21st	5:00 P.M.	Elaine Berg
Sunday	22nd	8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Mel Neighbors Sandy Privett
Saturday	28th	5:00 P.M.	Elaine Berg
Sunday	29th	8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Noreen Tobiason Sally Tetlow

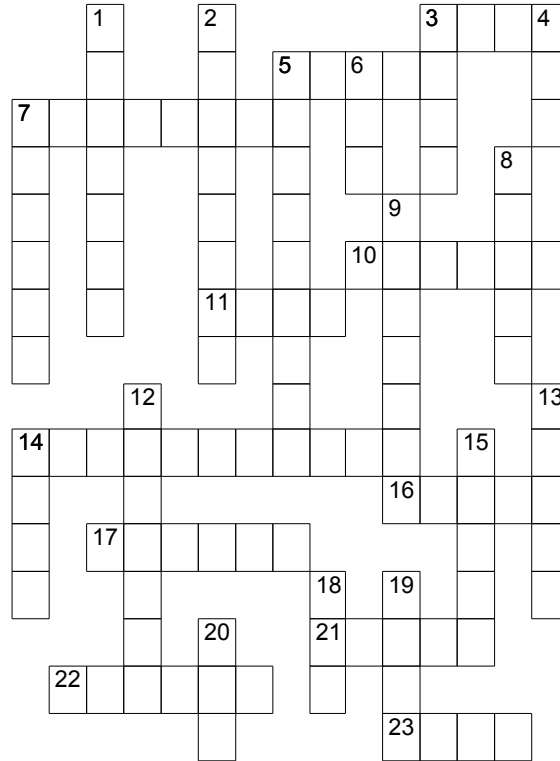


Sunday	1st	8:30 A.M.	Toni Alto
Sunday	8th	8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Gabriel Sylvanus Peter Koessler
Sunday	15th	8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Antonio Patrick Lucas Mickle
Sunday	22th	8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Alec McDougall Antonio Patrick
Sunday	29th	8:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Not filled Ryan Fitzgerald

Matthew, Chapter 7, Puzzle 1

Across

- 3. sweet, pear-shaped fruit
- 5. not true
- 7. perform
- 10. carnivorous mammals
- 11. wicked
- 14. shrubs with spines
- 16. abode
- 17. flabbergasted
- 21. scaly, legless reptile
- 22. parts of a whole
- 23. present existence



Down

- 1. gauge
- 2. weedy plant with prickly leaves
- 3. used for walking
- 4. vision
- 5. vicious
- 6. rule of conduct
- 7. jewelry made by clams
- 8. food made of wheat
- 9. thoughtless
- 12. crush underfoot
- 13. fragment
- 14. rip
- 15. public official who decides cases of law
- 18. inquire
- 19. tumble down
- 20. not many

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June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Communion Wor.</p> <p>10:00 A.M.</p> <p>All Music Worship</p> <p>11:15 Congregational Mtg. 3:00 NW Flute Concert 5:00 High School Youth</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 TOPS 5:00 NW Flute 6:00 Youth Committee 7:00 Knit Wits 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Memorial Comm.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30 Martha Circle 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30 Joyful Sound 7:00 Mid. School Youth</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Kinder Music 6:00 Evangelism Comm. 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 Worship Service</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Worship Service <i>w/Baptism</i></p> <p>10:00 Worship Service</p> <p>12:15 Board of Elders 7:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony <i>Chris Montgomery</i> 5:00 High School Youth</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 TOPS 12:00 Prayer Vigil 5:00 NW Flute 5:30 Internship Mtg. 7:00 Support & Assist. 7:00 Childcare Board 7:00 Knit Wits 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 Faith Circle 6:00 Resource Comm. 7:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30 Joyful Sound 7:00 Mid. School Youth</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Kinder Music 12:30 Adult Ed. Comm. 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Blood Drive 5:00 Communion Wor.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 Communion Wor. 10:00 Communion Wor. <i>1st communion/4th graders</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>ECHOES DEADLINE</p> <p>10:00 TOPS 5:00 NW Flute 6:00 Worship & Music 7:00 Knit Wits 7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 Girl Scouts Pot Luck Dinner</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 Joyful Sound 7:00 Altar Guild Mtg.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Kinder Music 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:00 Worship Service</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30/10:00 Worship Service</p> <p><i>1:00 Dan Poole's Mother's 100th Birthday Celebration</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 NW Flute Camp 10:00 TOPS 6:30 Finance Committee 6:00 Boy Scout's Parents Meeting 7:00 Knit Wits</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 NW Flute Camp 6:00 Church Council 7:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 NW Flute Camp 6:30 Joyful Sound</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 NW Flute Camp 6:30 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 NW Flute Camp</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 Worship Service</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30/10:00 Worship Service</p> <p><i>11:15 Intern Reception for Matt Metevelis</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 TOPS 7:00 Knit Wits</p> <p>youth leave on mission trip to San Francisco</p>					



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we seek to become richer in faith
and to share with others.”*

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JUNE ECHOES 2008

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday - 5:00 P.M. - Contemporary Worship

Sunday - 8:30 A.M. - Traditional Worship

Sunday - 10:00 A.M. - Traditional Worship
(all services in the sanctuary)

Sunday - 11:00 A.M. - Adult Forum - Room 200
(through June)

CHILD CARE NURSERY

(Infants - 3 year olds)

Available: All Sundays

(8:15 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.)

no child care is provided on Saturday evenings