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*Turn it
Over to God!*

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Friends

Peace to you in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

One of the interesting things about our church year is the way that we name Sundays. The different prepositions “in,” “of” and “after” really do have special meanings. For example, we speak of the Second Sunday *after* Epiphany because Epiphany is a particular day (January 6, when we remember the coming of the Wise Men). And we speak of the Third Sunday *in* Lent, because Sundays during Lent don't really belong to Lent, since every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. But the Sunday after Easter Sunday is the First Sunday *of* Easter because Easter is more than just one day; it is a season forty days long.

The different ways of naming the Sundays in Lent and of Easter point out an important truth: God's ultimate and final word is not suffering and death, but resurrection. Even during Lent, when we focus on the suffering and death of Jesus, the resurrection is never forgotten. When Sunday comes, it is not really Lent. It's Easter. We may have a more subdued service and omit the alleluias. But it's Easter, nevertheless. Lent isn't solidly Lent because Lent is not the last word.

But Easter is Easter through and through. To be sure, the Risen One is the Crucified One. Easter wouldn't be good news if someone else but Jesus was raised. The One who was raised is the One who chose to be the friend of sinners to the very end. And because the Friend of Sinners lives and is in charge of the whole future, the Easter news is that you and I are chosen to be forgiven and to receive life in his name. But there are no “holes” in Easter to let Lent in. The victory is final and complete and solid. The end of the story—and the end of *your* story!—is certain. Easter reaches back into our Lents to uphold and sustain us in hope. But Lent never interrupts Easter. He is risen—and nothing and no one can touch him anymore forever.

May you revel in that victory this Easter Season.

In Christ,

Pastor Jon Sorum



He has risen indeed ... Alleluia!

Jesus Christ has risen from the grave. The darkness of death with all its power could not swallow the great light of the world. This is a great victory for Jesus Christ, but it is also a victory for us. Jesus Christ's victory over death means that there is nothing that can separate us from God. The icy curtain of death has been ripped apart and through the resurrected Jesus Christ we glimpse the unending life that awaits us in the house of God. But don't think the story ends here. The resurrected Jesus Christ is the Gospel itself, we hear his voice from the pulpit declaring the end of our sins and the beginning of our freedom, and he hands himself over to us on the communion rail in the bread and wine. The resurrected Jesus Christ is constantly on the move in the church, drawing all of us closer to God and one another. Wherever the resurrected Jesus Christ is the church is too.

Here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church we move forward, not because of what we do, but because Jesus Christ leads us along. Jesus was with us during our dark hours, grieving with us, being angry with us, dwelling with us in the shadows of Gethsemane. And now he has risen, so we will arise. Jesus Christ announces to us this Easter season that his mission will not be interrupted, he frees us from our fears and discouragements, and prepares us to walk forward with him to bring his healing and peace to our community. Whenever you affirm that Christ has risen you affirm that Emmanuel Lutheran has too.

It's been hard for me to live in the present lately. If you haven't heard Marissa and I are engaged and we're planning on getting married in Las Vegas in June or August of next year. We've been working very hard to set things up for our wedding! I'm also still unsure about where I'll be living in two years, juggling an entrance into both married life and full time ministry. It will be an exciting time, but it's still hard to have so much of my life up in the air.

Life here at Emmanuel Lutheran is as busy as ever. Lent was surely a demanding time, but very rewarding. Please keep your compliments and your criticisms coming! There has never been a day here where I haven't learned a great deal. You all have been amazing teachers and will always be in my prayers.

Easter Blessings,

Matt Metevelis

Children's Message

Dutch Randall

Director of Youth Ministries

Spring is finally here! Spring is such a great time of the year, the weather gets a bit warmer and the world takes on a whole new look of flowers, green grass and leaves on the trees. This is not all that I love about spring though, my favorite thing about spring is that baseball starts up again. Just last week, I took both my boys to opening day for the Seattle Mariners, and what a great game it was! Also our local team the Tacoma Rainiers showed off their new logo and so I bought a new hat for the season.

There is one thing that I really don't like about spring though. I wonder if you can guess what that is. Most of you probably guessed the rain, but you would be wrong. I don't like spring cleaning! After a long winter, my yard and my house need a good cleaning because after a few months of neglect, it is a big mess. I may not like it, but it still needs to be done, so I roll up my sleeves and I do it.

I want to tell you about a time that Jesus did some spring cleaning. It was time for the annual Passover celebration, so Jesus traveled to Jerusalem. When he arrived in Jerusalem, Jesus went to the temple. He couldn't believe his eyes. There in the temple area he saw people who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves for the people to use as sacrifices in the temple. There were tables set up for money changers so that people could change their money to pay their temple taxes. It looked more like a carnival than a house of worship.

Jesus did not like what he saw. He was so angry that he made a whip from some rope and he drove the cattle and sheep and those who were selling them from the temple. He went to the tables of the money changers and turned them over, scattering coins all over the temple floor. To the ones who were selling the doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market." Yes, I would say that Jesus did some spring cleaning in the temple that day!

You can read more about this on your own or with your parents in the book of John. (chapter 2 - verse 14-16)



100 Words from China Service Ventures

Prayer has been described in many ways. Prayer is a conversation with God; prayer is doxology, praise, and thanksgiving; prayer is confession, supplication and intercession. To each person prayer has a different meaning. Yet every Tuesday at the CSV office people gather for prayer concerning our ministry in Henan, China and the United States.

In April, a CSV Board Delegation will travel to Hongkong and Henan Province to meet with Chinese partners and officials concerning HIV/AIDS, Summer Camping opportunities, Organic Farming, long and short term English education, Youth Service Projects, and housing for our new field developers. Your mission? Keep these meetings in your prayers asking God for blessing and grace as we seek to serve His children.

When we pray we come alive in God. So let all the friends of CSV join in prayer for these conversations with our Chinese friends. Let us continue as servants to ventures of which we can not see the ending, only knowing that God is supporting and leading us in love. Let us live and pray boldly in our Resurrected Lord.

Grace and Peace,

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CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting February 26, 2008

6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

President..... Bob Mattson
Vice President.....Angela McDougall
Financ.....Dave Andersen
Secretary..... Ann Balerud
Education.....Jim Ellingson

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

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:

Bob Mattson, President; Angela McDougall, Vice President; Dave Andersen, Finance Chair; Jim Ellingson, Education Liaison; Laurie Moren, Outreach Liaison; Maylin Clark, Fellowship Liaison; Russ Holtz, Worship & Music Liaison; Ann Balerud, Secretary; Pastor Sorum

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Roger Ahrens, Resource Committee Liaison

GUESTS:

Robbie Lanoutette, Tacoma Lutheran Community Foundation; Pastor Steve Ray, CSV; Torun Parker; Judy Rucker; Kathy Poole; Bea Christophersen; Karen DeWitt; Marna Clark, Financial Secretary; Mary Mobley, Administrative Secretary/Treasurer; Bill Colglazier; Sharon Jung; Sharon Anderson; Kerry Storset; Sheila Moe; Bjorn and Linda Gilje; Cindy Johnson; Matt Metevelis, Intern; Nancy Holtz; Nancy Savage

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Sorum – John 13

- 1 Robbi Lanouette of Tacoma Lutheran Community Foundation came to request the Council's approval for Emmanuel to agree to partnership with Tacoma Lutheran Home for a grant request from Thrivent Financial for \$15,000 available for '2008 Care in Regions' funds. The funds would be utilized for a 'Wellness Center'.

Emmanuel's responsibility would be to continue its supportive relationship with Tacoma Lutheran Home and be the financial conduit of grant funds.

Council members asked questions for clarification.

Motion by Dave Andersen: *To approve Emmanuel's agreement to be a sponsor church subject to confirmation with Thrivent, that the receipt of funds for this grant, will not inhibit Emmanuel from receiving any other matching funds for Emmanuel's programs.* (Pastor Sorum will make the contact with Thrivent.)

Second: Angela McDougall

Approved: Unanimously

- 2 Pastor Ray presented the proposal for a joint venture of CSV and Emmanuel's Lay School of Theology for a period in September-2008 and the CSV Benefit Dinner;

Theme: 'Christian Art around the World' or 'Christian Art in China'; speaker, Dr. He Qi (perhaps other speakers); sponsored by Emmanuel, CSV and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; costs for airfare, housing, shipping for art works, honorarium and publicity, security, insurance rider to be determined as plans are further negotiated.

Discussion ensued concerning costs to Emmanuel at a time when we are so far in debt. Pastor Sorum said that the cost would be well below what was in the budget. Jim Ellingson clarified that there is no money; therefore, the dollars in the budget were just on paper. Pastor Ray indicated that CSV and Thrivent Financial were contributing and at this time he was only asking for Emmanuel to provide the use of the Sand center.

Motion by Jim Ellingson: *To authorize the facilities usage for this joint venture during September-2008.*

Second: Russ Holtz

Approved: Unanimously

Pastor Sorum will coordinate with the Day Care Director regarding the use of the Sand Center and it's unavailability for the Day Care for those days.

Pastor Ray will begin to develop a support team when he returns in April-2008.

Additionally, CSV will be incorporating the name of 'Lutheran' into their documents to identify their unity with Lutherans.

- 3 Russ Holtz brought forward two proposals to improve communications with the Congregation.

Motion 1: *A Council Recorder, without voice or vote, be appointed to allow the Council Secretary the ability to more actively participate in discussions. Minutes to be presented to the Secretary and to council for approval.*

Second: Jim Ellingson

Approved: Unanimously

Appointment: Nancy Savage

Motion 2: *Full Council Minutes, verses Highlights, be presented in the 'Echoes'.*

Second: Maylin Clark

[Discussion regarding additional postal costs; summarizing verses the 'full' minutes; smaller fonts for space savings.]

Approved: Unanimously

- 4 Council minutes for the January 22, 2008 are not available for review or approval. The secretary's computer failed.

Financial Report: Dave Andersen

-\$ 9,696.06 General Fund

\$ 7,456.95 Mission & Benevolence allocation 01/2008

\$33,432.49 General Fund receipts – half of what is needed.

The 2007 unreleased Mission & Benevolence funds were authorized for payment. \$22,291.03

The 2006 and 2007 General Fund deficit of \$30,246.49 needs to be addressed. At this time we are \$39,942.55 in debt and in order to pay our operating expenses we have been borrowing from designated funds.

Bob Mattson asked if the Finance Committee had suggestions or recommendations.

Jim Ellingson indicates the Council needs to establish a policy to stop using designated funds for general fund expenditures.

Russ Holtz asked Pastor Sorum for guidance.

Pastor Sorum suggested separate bank accounts, look into inter-fund account 'notes', indicated 'can't let slide as we have the last couple of years.' 'Bringing in mediator and build trust – the Congregation came through in December-2007 – our's is not horrible' [gave some figures of a Tacoma church to the south] 'We need to bite the bullet and revise the budget – look to mission inside our walls as well as outside our walls – more realistic 2008 – difficult process – we've lost 'big' givers and some have died.'

Nancy Savage indicated the Budget process must be reviewed by the Congregation via open hearings before presentation to the Council.

Jim Ellingson, the Congregation needs to be involved.

Russ Holtz – perhaps the Pastor can give some guidance.

Pastor indicated the Council, building trust, stewardship education.

Angela McDougall – should we call the Budget Committee back to task?

Pastor – The Budget Committee needs to come up with a responsible plan.

Motion: Dave Andersen *To reconvene the Budget Committee to propose a new 2008 budget.*

Second: Angela McDougall

Approved: Unanimously

- 6 Dave Andersen presented the accounting firm's Scope of Work, (Johnson, Stone & Pagano, PS).

Mary Mobley indicated that she spent 2 hours with their bookkeeper reviewing the Chart of Accounts, inputs into QuickBooks, how to load budgeted items into the program. QuickBooks is more cumbersome than Church Windows; requires extra steps. Cannot accept the annual budgeted amount.

Dave Andersen wants to add items to the Scope of Work 1) Clear practices regarding Mission & Benevolence distribution; 2) check list for audit; 3) inter fund loans – a CPA accounting opinion.

Dave Andersen is to get in touch with the accounting firm regarding the additions and get back to Bob Mattson.

- 7 Dave Andersen reported the Finance Committee received an e-mail from Jim Sparks, chair of Endowment Committee – taking exception to the current practice of co-mingling received, but undistributed endowment funds with general fund monies.

Motion: Dave Andersen *To create a separate bank account for Endowment Funds.*

Second: Jim Ellingson

Approved: Unanimously

- 8 Angela McDougall reports that the Day Care Board did the evaluation of the Day Care Director, Wendy Hvarthin. She will be receiving a 6% increase effective 03/01/2008 and a \$500 bonus.

- 9 Jim Ellingson asked for the names of the Education Committees;

Debbie Olson-Youth Education; Dale Wirsing-Adult Education.

No report for this month.

- 10 Bob Mattson asked Nancy Savage for the 2008 updated Org Chart. (Was e-mail 01/27/2008 – Nancy will re-e-mail 02/26/2008 and bring a printed copy to church to ensure a copy is received.)

- 11 Bob Mattson presented Resource Committee in Roger's absence.

The dish washer repairs approved at the January Council Meeting did not get communicated to Hobart. Also, a new problem with the dishwasher (the rinse cycle not getting hot enough) was discussed - Mary Mobley will follow-up.

The stove oven thermostat also needs repair – funds approved from the Capital Improvement Maintenance Fund - Mary Mobley will follow-up.

- 12** Laurie Moren had to leave early: Sheila Moe, Evangelism Committee Chair reported that the committee is working on ‘prayer’ coins to be distributed to the Congregation and troops in Iraq. (Pastor Daniel Shaw will provide a contact in Iraq when he returns in April.)
- 13** Maylin Clark reported that Nancy Holtz, Gail Markham and Linda Fuson are stepping down from the Fellowship Committee effective 03/31/2008.
- Nancy Holtz indicated that ‘notification’ needs to be given at the 03/14/2008 Soup Group if the committee positions are not filled. Bob Mattson thanked the fellowship members for their good work. Pastor Sorum added that the committee has put in so much work at funerals and hospitality – they should have a ‘Thanks’.
- 14** Russ Holtz – No report – Pastor Sorum said there was no Worship & Music Committee meeting in January.
- 15** Future Steering Committee – No report.
- 16** Pastor – staffing:
- 1) Reported an employee file (Kelly DiLoreto) is missing. The lock on Mary Mobley’s office door has been changed: Access: Pastor, Mary Mobley, Judy Bebich, and Marna Clark.
 - 2) Last minute decision – at family insistence: will be taking a week’s vacation following Sunday service; will be going to Minnesota; Pastor Brandt, Matt and Pastor Ray will cover the services the following Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Matt will be ‘on call’.
 - 3) Grow One Sunday – 165 cards returned (25% declined to pledge) \$289,000 pledged (down from last year) – Program recommends approach to project ‘anticipated’ giving for non-response pledges; the anticipated amount \$193,000, totaling projected amount of \$482,000, (down 12% from last year). Marna disagrees with the ‘anticipated giving’ approach because it is not recognizing the fact there are reasons some are not pledging.
 - 4) 2006 – 174 – 422,000; 2007 – 126- \$319,000
- Pastor indicated the pledge Sunday was conducted under adverse circumstances; we had good presenters and enthusiasm from the committee.
- Ann Balerud relayed that a parent of a first grade student was not coming due to the congregation’s turmoil.
- 3) Marna Clark indicated we need to have Pastoral and congregational direct contact with those that have not been attending.
- 17** Angela McDougall reports the following have accepted attending the Synod Assembly so far: Debbie Olson, Andrew Olson, Bea Christophersen and Alan Aplin.
- 18** Bob Mattson brought up the Council Town Meeting – Adult Forum – planning to have them on a quarterly basis. Discussion indicated there should be a subject, some structure.
- Bob, Angela and Dave committed to be at the first Forum.
- Pastor indicated they should ‘repeat the cease fire’ be stated.
- 19** Bob Mattson indicated the ‘burning questions’ should be deferred at the ‘Town Hall’ due to Bishop Hoffsted’s recent surgery.
- Pastor indicated Valinda Morse from the Bishop’s office is working on getting a mediator. Jim Ellingson said that this was ‘putting the cart before the horse because the council hasn’t discussed the mediation recommendation yet.’ Discussion ensued about being mindful of our fiscal responsibility to the Congregation.
- It was suggested Pastor Sorum and Bob Mattson work together with Valinda Morse to discuss process and cost before moving forward on the mediation recommendation. Pastor Sorum will follow up and let Bob know; however, he indicated we needed to do ‘all the recommendations as a whole’.

20 Bob Mattson presented Dutch Randall's proposal for the Youth Fundraiser: Plush Phippen frozen pie sale April 20-25

Motion: Jim Ellingson *To authorize the Youth Fundraiser – proceeds to be shared with Nativity House.*

Second: Russ Holtz

\$1.00 purchase, \$5.00 pre-ordered sales. Bea Christophersen will have a sign out front.

21 Bob Mattson presented the following names for replacement counters:

Torun Parker, Gertie Landis

Motion: Angela McDougall *To approve names presented.*

Second: Russ Holtz

Approved: Unanimously

22 Bob Mattson presented the following names for the Mission Support Committee:

John & Bev Buntain, Bill & Marge Guthrie, Andy Comstock and Tom Balerud

Motion: Angela McDougall *To approve names presented.*

Second: Maylin Clark

Approved: Unanimously

23 Bob Mattson assigned Future Steering Committee the task of reviewing the Job Descriptions and overall staffing of Emmanuel.

Nancy Holtz indicated the process had been reviewed a few years ago, but not fully completed.

24 Bea Christophersen questioned the hours and pay for the Choir and Youth Directors.

Bob Mattson indicated that was the task of the Future Steering Committee.

25 Sheila Moe indicated the Worship & Music Committee had written a job description for the Choir Director.

Nancy Savage indicated that description was used by the previous Job Description Task Force.

26 Facilities Usage Requests:

1) 7/16, 7/17 & 7/18 – Janis Upshall Violin day Camp, Fireside Room, Room 200, Sanctuary and one class room

2) 5/17 – Janis Upshall - 30 students, Sand Center

3) 4/19 Jennifer Tomasino – Thrivent – 4 class rooms/Sand Center/microphone/kitchen for coffee from 8 am - 4 pm

4) 3/14 Day Care baby shower for staff person – Fireside Room & Kitchen

5) 3/14 Flute Collegiums' / Room 200

All approved.

Pastor Sorum thanked Bill Colglazier for installing the microphone in the Sand Center.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



WE HAVE A WEBSITE!

CHECK US OUT AT:

www.emmanuel-tacoma.org

ECHOES newsletter is now available on the website!

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Web Sites

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| 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.

NOTE:

A new directory is going to be printed this month so If you have recently changed your address, phone numbers or had any other changes in your information, please notify the church office so the new directory will be correct.

ATTENTION!!! DEADLINE: MAY ECHOES

APRIL 15TH

Please note that all May ECHOES articles are due in the church office on ***Tuesday, April 15th*** 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

**Adult Forum
Sundays at 10:00 A.M.
in Room 200**

- April 6 *Worship & Music Committee*
"Reclaim" hymnal
- April 13 *Jim Coker*, the Gideon Society
- April 20 To be announced
- April 27 To be announced

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

10:00 A.M.- Room 200 - 7:00 P.M.-Library
The series continues on the *Gospel of John* led by
Pastor Jon Sorum.

April 23rd will be the last Bible study. We may begin again in June, if not we will start when fall schedule begins in September.

The Christian Faith

You are invited to explore the foundations of our faith. "The Christian Faith" class will be offered again on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:00 P.M., starting April 30. Instead of spreading it out over ten weeks, there will be five double sessions through the month of May.

Both long-time members and inquirers are welcome. This class is a blessing for everyone who participates! For non-members, attending the class in no way means a commitment to join the congregation. Come to learn, come to renew your faith, come to become more firmly grounded in Jesus Christ.

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Monday, April 28th at the home of Les and Sheila Moe at 2701 N Bristol St. 756-9659

Lay School of Theology presents!

MARK GRAVROCK

**Saturdays April 5, 19 and May 3rd
at 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Dr. Mark Gravrock, of the Trinity Lutheran College faculty, will teach a class on Isaiah. You may register at the time of class.

New Mid-Week Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays - April 16 - June 11

**5:00 P.M. Discipleship
*Pastor Jon Sorum***

**6:00 P.M. Holy Communion
*Intern, Matt Metevelis***

Monday Men in Mission

Every Monday morning, we meet at 9:00 A.M. in the Sand Memorial Center, to enter the week fed with *God's good Word* and a hearty breakfast prepared by Linda O'Hara and her sister Catherine.

All men are welcome to join in at any time.

Martha Circle

Date: April 2nd Place: Fireside Room

Time: 12:00 P.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, April 8th. Bring your sandwich!

THANK YOU TO:

DORIS ANDERSON, ELAINE BERG, GLORIAN DELORME, JOYCE FARMER, LINDA FUSON, MARGE GUTHRIE, MARY ELLEN GLOCKNER, ANITA IDE, VERNA JONES, SHARON LANGREN, 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.

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.

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

BILL COLGLAZIER for installing the new microphone in the Sand Memorial Center.

DAN POOLE for staining the 'new equipment' cabinet.

JAMES BRYAN, Troop 361-Federal way for assisting Emmanuel's Scout Troop 219 on February 24th.

DON ANDERSON

MABEL KUEHL



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.



Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation

Extends its Heartfelt

Christian Sympathy

to:

Andy & Gail Stevens and family on the recent death of Andy's mother on February 3rd.

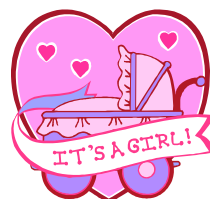
Mary Ellen Glockner on the recent loss of her cousin.

The family of Genevieve Glundberg on her death on February 18th.

The family of Jean Shinokis who passed away on February 22nd.

Pastor Dick & Gail Brandt on the recent loss of Gail's aunt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Amy Stevens on the March 24th birth of Daughter, Rian. Andy & Gail Stevens are the Grandparents. Gail Markham is the great-grandmother.

MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE GIFTED

Thank you Emmanuel Lutheran Church for your help!!

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| CHINA SERVICE VENTURES | — | \$1,000.00 |
| CHOTEAU YOUTH RANCH | — | \$ 500.00 |
| THE COMPASS CENTER | — | \$ 500.00 |
| FISH FOOD BANKS OF PIERCE COUNTY | — | \$2,364.51 + 285 lbs of food |
| HOSPITALITY KITCHEN | — | \$ 500.00 |
| LUTHER SEMINARY | — | \$2,100.00 |
| LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF | — | \$ 256.88 |
| MOUNT RAINIER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL | — | \$1,500.00 |
| PEACE COMMUNITY CENTER | — | Thank you for the school snacks |
| SHARED HOUSING SERVICES | — | \$1,550.00 |
| ST. VINCENT DE PAUL | — | \$ 500.00 |
| TACOMA LUTHERAN HOME | — | \$ 200.00 |

L.E.A.F.

\$ Lutheran Education Aid Fund \$

What is L.E.A.F.? L.E.A.F. provides financial assistance to those persons in our congregation who are seeking an educational experience, be it academic or vocational, beyond High School.

Who is eligible? L.E.A.F. assistance is available to all active, confirmed members of Emmanuel who have completed High School either by graduation or G.E.D. test procedures, and are seeking additional financial assistance for the coming academic year.

How to apply: Interested members may obtain an application at the church office.

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be returned by June 1, 2008.

QUESTIONS?

Ask any Adult Education Committee member or call:
Winifred Kildahl at 752-8788.

Emmanuel's Friends and Family Night

Friday, April 18th

6:00 to 8:30 P.M.

- Join us for crafts as we make Inspirational Sun Catchers



- Join us for Hot Dogs and Fries
- Join us for a “free for all” in the Sand Memorial Center

All this and more happens at our Friends and Family Night.

It is a wonderful event for everyone in our congregation, childcare center and neighborhood. Children must attend with an adult.

SOUP GROUP

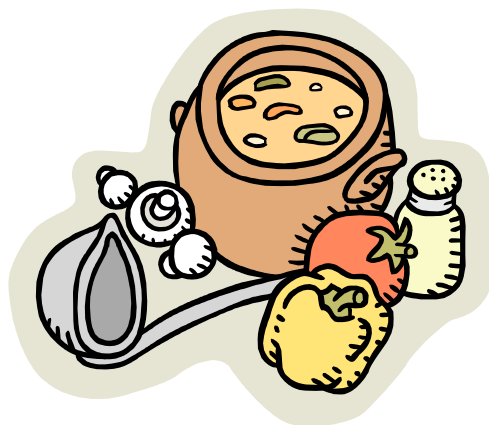
COME JOIN US!

April 18th

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

in the Sand Memorial Center for a bowl of:

HEARTY SOUP AND CHATTER



(Soup served till 12:30 P.M.)

We welcome salads & desserts

Open to everyone

NO NUTS PLEASE!!!

(Free-will offering)

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



QUILTING FUN!



**Tuesday mornings
10:00 A.M.
in the Fireside Room.**

We could use your assistance. You can brighten your day and at the same time help fill the Lutheran Welfare boxes with quilts to warm those in need. We can put any of your skills to use. We will not meet on Tuesday, April 1st.

Questions???
Call Barbara Kaup @ 460-0638.



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.



ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

Elizabeth Altar Guild will be meeting in the Fireside Room on Tuesday, April 15th 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 April are:
Maureen Elmquist & Denise Porter

April Youth Happenings

High School Youth

- Join us each Sunday evening in April at 5:00 PM - all youth grades 9-12 are welcome
- Join us in the Youth Room each Sunday at 10:00 AM for a Bible Study
- Mission trip goers - be sure to check your calendars for any upcoming events.
- Plush Pippin Pies Fundraiser! We will be pre-selling on Sunday, April 20th and selling on Friday the 25th in the Parking Lot at 4 PM Sharp!

Please remember that a youth offering is accepted each Sunday during the education hour.

Take the opportunity to help others.



Middle School Youth

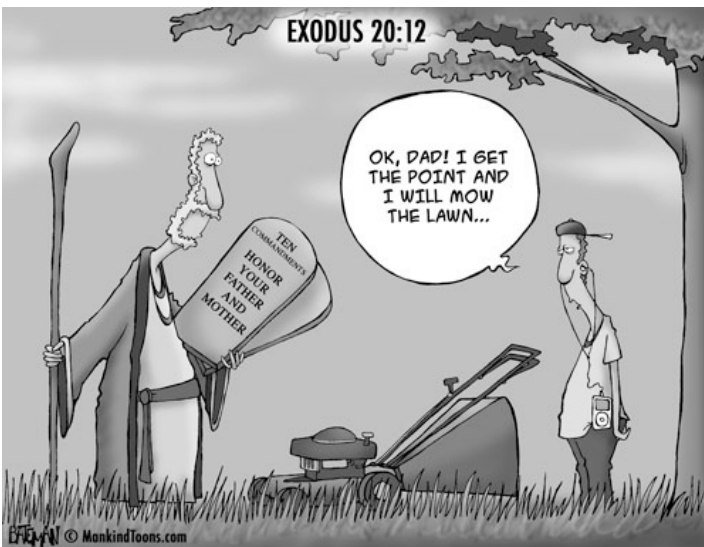
Middle School Youth will meet each Wednesday evening, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. for treats and fellowship. Check the Sunday bulletin each Sunday to see what is new and exciting.

Confirmation Class Update

Our service project is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 from 8:45 AM to 2:00 PM

Some thoughts on April Fools day . . .

- “April Fools Day is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other 364.” - *Mark Twain*
- “Wise men learn more from fools than fools from wise men.” - *Marcus Cato*
- “The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.” - *Winston Churchill*
- “It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.” - *Socrates*
- “Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise.” - *Proverbs 17:28*





Jesus is The light

Soak up the Son

We begin to talk about reading The Bible this month. We saved the best for the last, so to speak. The Bible is our guide for all things in our life. Is the Bible relevant to us today? - you bet! God has so much to say to us, and He made it available to us in a language we can understand and access 24/7/365. Talk with your kids about the Bible. What is your favorite translation? Why? What is your favorite passage? Which one do you go to for comfort? Let you kids know how important the Bible is to you.

Our Lenten offering to Heifer International was so wonderful. We had offering for bunnies, chicks, and honey bees. The children were so able to see the value of their offerings and feel the joy of giving. Thank you for all your generosity. At the time of this writing we haven't yet taken our final tally, but watch the bulletins for updates. If you'd like more information about Heifer International check out their web site, www.heifer.org.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- Our Friends Celebration (to culminate our Evangelism Class Competition) will be on April 6th.
- The Enrichment Memory party will be on June 1st.

Our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be on June 8th.

The Sunday School counter has information and materials for families. Check it out! If you have questions or comments or items to have placed on the counter please email Kelly DiLoreto at SundaySchool@Emmanuel-Tacoma.org or you can reach her at the church on Wednesdays.



Confirmation News

The next mid-week session begins on April 16th through June 11. We will be offering Discipleship and Holy Communion. If you'd like to register for either or both of these classes email Kelly (the address is below). This will be the last mid-week session for the school year.

If you have any questions or comments for our Confirmation Coordinator, please call the church (752-3571) on Wednesdays (from 8:30 to 2:30), or email Kelly at sundayschool@emmanuel-tacoma.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY!!! April 13-19 is National Library Week. This would be a great time to visit the library and check out a good book to read. The new books that we received from the Book Fair we had in November are processed and ready for you to check out. These books are located on the shelf marked New Books.

Directions for checking out your books are posted in the Reference section. Come and visit the library often.



Emmanuel Lutheran Child Care

April 2008

The sun is shining, the wind is blowing and the rain is falling. Yes, this means spring is here. What a wonderful opportunity to teach the children about all things spring. The theme for this month will be Spring. The children will be learning about baby animals, flower and vegetable gardens (look for beans, tomatoes and pumpkins to be planted at the playground), bugs, dirt & mud, and rainbows. The children will also be taking nature walks, to see what happens to our environment during this time.

Emmanuel Lutheran Childcare will be attending the 47th Annual Jr. Daffodil Parade, in the Proctor District, on April 5, 2008. Please come and show your support. The theme this year is "The Daffodil Storybook".

Our classrooms are still full. We are taking names for the waiting list, so if you know someone who needs care please have them call Wendy at 253-752-1195.

Have a wonderful month.

ELCC Staff



MESSAGES OF COMFORT AND HOPE

For Sunday, March 9, 2008

Psalm 103:8-11

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him, as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 31:24

Be strong and take heart, all of you who hope in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:56-58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

March 16, 2008

Palm Sunday

Luke 22:40

Jesus said to his disciples,

“Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation.

Mark 11: 24, 25

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Luke 22:42 -44

Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done. An angel from Heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Maundy Thursday (optional – repeat of one of the previous verses)

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Thursday, March 20, 2008

Maundy Thursday (optional – repeat of one of the previous verses)

March 23, 2008

Easter Sunday

Acts 16:31

(commentary) Paul and Silas' reputation in Philippi was well known. When the jailer realized his own true condition and need, he risked everything to find the answer. The Christian's good news of salvation is simply **expressed in the verse, *Believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.***

Romans 10:9 - 13

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you will believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame. For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all, and richly blesses all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Sunday, March 30, 2008

2 Corinthians 2:5-11

If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent – not to put it too severely. The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. Now, instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that you will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. If you forgive anyone, I will also forgive him. And what I have forgiven – if there was anything to forgive – I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

(commentary) We use church discipline to help keep the church pure and to help wayward people repent. But Satan tries to harm the church by tempting it to use discipline in an unforgiving way. This causes those exercising discipline to become proud of their purity, and it causes the person who is being disciplined to become bitter, and perhaps leave the church entirely. We must remember that our purpose in discipline is to restore a person to the fellowship, not to destroy him or her. We must be cautious that personal anger is not vented under the guise of church discipline.

Sunday, April 6, 2008

I Timothy 4:9-15

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. Until I come, devote yourselves to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life, and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

(commentary) As a young leader in a church that had a lot of problems, Timothy may have felt intimidated. But the elders and prophets encouraged him and charged him to use his spiritual gift responsibly. Highly skilled and talented athletes lose their abilities if their muscles are not toned by constant use, and we will lose our spiritual gifts if we don't put them to work. Our talents are improved by exercise, but failing to use them causes them to waste away from lack of practice and nourishment. What gifts and abilities has God given you?

Pasta Feed!

Friday, April 11th @ 6:00 PM
1315 N. Stevens St.



Tone's mission is to remove barriers to education that homeless children face. Tone arranges transportation to and from schools, helps with enrollment, provides school supplies, school uniforms, shoes, hygiene as well as other items.

Tone makes a difference for the future of our children and our community.

The youth from three churches are joining to support Tacoma's Tone Transitional Center. Join us for a great meal, hear about the Tone Center and make a difference in Tacoma!

Sponsored by Mason United Methodist, First Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran churches in Tacoma.

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Please sign up by calling the church office at Emmanuel Lutheran Church by Tuesday, April 8th

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 253 752-3571

First Lutheran Church 253 272-1538

Mason United Methodist Church 253 759-3539

Tuesday mornings throughout the year, women of our church come together to make quilts. These quilts are made in love to share HIS warmth and HIS love to others in the world. This is the quilts last Sunday with us, next Friday, May 2, along with school kits they will begin their journey across our country to either the Minneapolis or Baltimore LWR Warehouse. Their stay there will not be long; soon they are off again around the world to the arms of those in need. Some of the quilts will be on display during all the services; others will already be boxed ready to be shipped.

Here is a prayer and response that was offered last year in a Maryland Church on Quilt Sunday.

Prayer: In the name of our Lord who calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Response: Amen.

Prayer: To you we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us.

Response: Amen

Prayer: To you we remember our Christian promise to help those in need and be a loving neighbor to all people of the earth. We humbly offer these quilts as a gift of love in your name. We now offer a prayer to you by those who helped to make these quilts.

Response: Amen

Prayer: Dear Lord, we pray that these quilts will be a blessing to the people who use them. We pray that it will keep them warm, make them happy, show them that we care, and allow them to feel your love.

Response: Amen

This prayer was taken from "In the Parish" on the LWR.org website.

Thank you for all you do to support Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to be more involved or know more about Parish Projects contact: Barbara Kaup 460-0638 for quilting or Cathy Mattson 564-2101/Joyce Farmer 752-2200 about school kits.

To others, through others, Lutheran World Relief

BOY SCOUT



LASAGNA DINNER
& SILENT AUCTION

Saturday
April 12th
6:00 PM
Sand Memorial

**It keeps getting better every year!
Don't miss out!**

Plan on attending the **Annual Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction**
benefiting our own Boy Scout Troop 219.

We are accepting donations of new or gently used items suitable for our AUCTION. This is a great time to recycle unwanted gifts or items taking up space in your closet, garage, or life. If you would like to donate to our scouts, please call Jeff Olson at 752-1360.



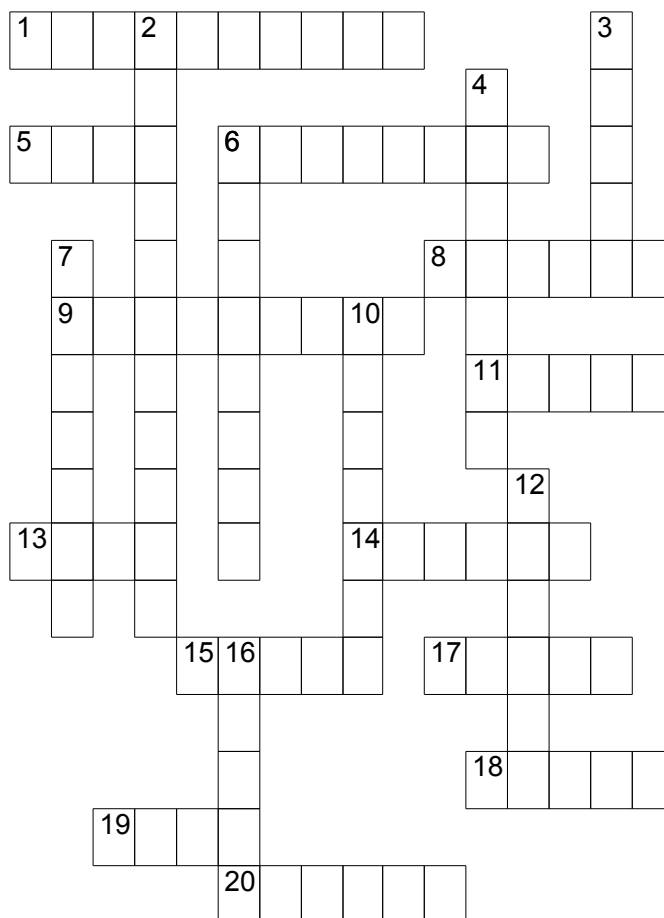
Auction

All proceeds will help send the scouts to summer camp.
Thank you for supporting these fine young men!

John, Chapter 10, Puzzle 1

Across

- 1. comprehend
- 5. means of access
- 6. unknown person
- 8. coldest season
- 9. impiety
- 11. speak
- 13. predator of sheep
- 14. Messiah
- 15. rock
- 17. banquet
- 18. devil
- 19. care for
- 20. accompany



Down

- 2. never perish
- 3. capture
- 4. have faith in
- 6. guardian of shep
- 7. leave behind
- 10. phenomenon
- 12. flee
- 16. robber

WORD LIST

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| abandon | demon | follow | seize | thief | wolf |
| believe | escape | gate | shepherd | understand | |
| blasphemy | eternal life | love | stone | voice | |
| Christ | feast | miracle | stranger | winter | |

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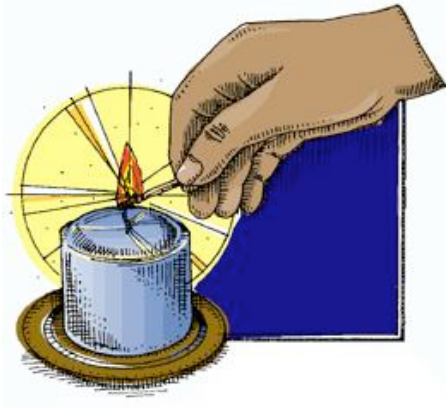
Lay Readers

Saturday 5th 5:00 P.M. Marge Guthrie
Sunday 6th 8:30 A.M. Dr. Mike Gage
11:00 A.M. Bob Henderson

Saturday 12th 5:00 P.M. Nancy Lampman
Sunday 13th 8:30 A.M. Susan Alexander
11:00 A.M. Dr. Goldie Royal

Saturday 19th 5:00 P.M. Nancy Purdy
Sunday 20th 8:30 A.M. Mel Neighbors
11:00 A.M. Dr. Dale Wirsing

Saturday 26th 5:00 P.M. Elaine Berg
Sunday 27th 8:30 A.M. Rebecca Graff
11:00 A.M. Amy Aplin



Lay Leaders

Sunday 6th 9:00 A.M. Don King
11:05 A.M. Sally Tetlow
Sunday 13th 9:00 A.M. Dr. Dan Cook
11:05 A.M. Tyler Graff
Sunday 20th 9:00 A.M. Kelsey Toellner
11:05 A.M. Sally Tetlow
Sunday 27th 9:00 A.M. Debbie Gallinatti
11:05 A.M. Steve Seberson

Acolytes

Sunday 6th 8:30 A.M. Rachel Fladager
11:00 A.M. Zack Budnick
Sunday 13th 8:30 A.M. Peter Koessler
11:00 A.M. Sandra Miller
Sunday 20th 8:30 A.M. Josiah MacDonald
11:00 A.M. Antonio Patrick
Sunday 27th 8:30 A.M. Joey Comstock
11:00 A.M. Shelby Fisher

April 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 7:00 Girl Scouts | 2 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Martha Circle 6:30 Joyful Sound 7:00 Bible Study | 3 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Middle Schl. Youth | 4 | 5 9:00 Lay School 3:45 Luth Theol. Grp. 5:00 Communion Wor. |
| 6 8:30/9:00/11:00/11:05 Communion Worship 10:00 Education Hour <i>Adult Forum</i> <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:50 Sunday School Friends Celebration 5:00 High School Youth | 7 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 5:00 NW Flute 6:00 Youth Committee 7:00 Knit Wits 7:00 Boy Scouts | 8 10:00 Quilting Ladies 10:30 Faith Circle 6:00 Resource Comm. 7:00 Girl Scouts | 9 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Joyful Sound 7:00 Bible Study | 10 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 Confirmation Class 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Middle Schl. Youth | 11 6:00 Multi-Church Pasta Feed to benefit Tone Transitional Center | 12 8:45 Youth Confirmation Missions Class 3:45 Luther Theol. Grp. 5:00 Worship Service 6:00 Boy Scout Silent Auction & Lasagna Dinner |
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*Without
Faith it's
Impossible!*



*“Through Christ’s friendship and love
we seek to become richer in faith
and to share with others.”*

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL ECHOES 2008

READ, LEARN AND ENJOY!

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday - 5:00 P.M. - Contemporary Worship
Sunday - 8:30 A.M. - Contemporary Worship
Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Celebration! Worship
Sunday - 11:00 A.M. - Traditional Worship
Sunday - 11:05 A.M. - Celebration! Worship

CHILD CARE NURSERY

(Infants - 3 year olds)

Available: All Sundays

8:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

(no childcare is provided on Saturday evenings)

