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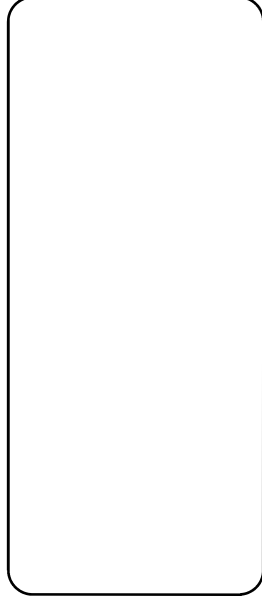
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Monday-Thursday 9:00 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.
 Lunch: 12:30 —1:00 p.m.

The Office is closed on Fridays.

***Parish Staff meetings: Mondays at 9:30 a.m.**



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The Herald

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A Word from Our Pastor
Change

Like most everyone else, I have this routine that I follow each day as I prepare for the day. Every so often, I recognize the sameness of what I am doing, and I try to do something a little different. The change is usually something simple, like the order in which I brush my teeth and comb my hair. Not anything grand per say, just something to break the mundane-ness of what I do day in and day out.

A few days ago, while in the midst of my morning routine, I quickly glanced in the side mirror at the bathroom sink. What I saw so jolted me that I did a double take; only this time, much closer. In that mirror, on that day, for the first time, I saw my Dad staring back at me.

Now I need to be clear about something. The idea of looking like my Dad was not unfamiliar to me. While growing up, I often heard it said. At my Mother's Wake, it seemed everyone who walked through the door said it. "Jim, you look just like your Dad." In response, we both would smile and say something like, "I think that is the way it is supposed to work."

Indeed, while it seems I have heard it a million times, this was the first time, in the midst of my mundane morning ritual, that I actually saw it for myself. In many ways, I have become the spitting image of him.

Change happens to all of us in various ways. Sometimes it is the deliberate differences in how we do something. Sometimes it is the subtle rubbing away of time, like water over a rock, that changes us. Either way, change happens.

Change is one of the reasons Jesus found himself in so much trouble. The Religious of His community wanted things to stay as they had always been. Jesus found himself declaring a better way. It was a way in which all would be welcomed into the Father's presence.

Two thousand plus years later, we still struggle with what it means to welcome all into the Father's presence. We still have not mastered what it means to proclaim the Kingdom of God into a world that longs for God's change.

Without reservation, we have heard the Kingdom message a lot; but have we seen any change? When others look at us, do they see the Father's face? Are we truly willing to live lives of sacrifice so that we might be used by God to proclaim this good hope that we have in Jesus? Are we willing to lay down our lives to live a life of freedom and truth in the Kingdom of God? If we are, then everything will change.

I pray for change...change in my heart, change in my attitude, and change in my way of seeing others. Change happens, and I have decided that change is good. I have also decided that there is nothing wrong with looking like my Dad. I only pray that when others look upon my face, the reflection they see will be the image of the Father.

See you in Church on Sunday . . . and bring a friend!!

Pr. Jim

Shrove Tuesday



Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

5:30-7:00 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church--Luther Hall

Dinner includes: pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice or coffee

Everyone is invited. Bring your friends!

Donations will be received at the door to benefit the Building Fund.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™

Benefit Members at Emanuel,

You have a choice to help Lutheran organizations that are near and dear to you—**even your own congregation.**

Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can now help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable funds through **a new program called Choice Dollars.**

Here's how Choice Dollars works:

- Eligible benefit members at Emanuel received a letter about their designated Choice Dollars for 2010.
- Designated Choice Dollars are based on qualifying insurance premiums, qualifying contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.
- Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of Lutheran organizations nationwide, **including our congregation,** by visiting thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and saying, "**Thrivent Choice.**"

Potential amounts range from \$25 to \$500 for each eligible benefit member. Help support what matters most to you by directing your **Choice Dollars!**

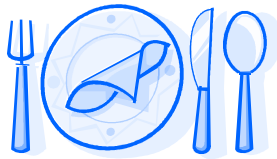
It's easy, so do it today! Call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." This will only take about 5 minutes and they will answer any questions that you may have.

You can also contact your Financial Representative:

Tony De Nicolo, CFP, 231-894-8886

Marci Bentz FIC, 231-894-8886

Deadline: *March 31, 2011*



COMMUNITY TABLE

Tuesday, February 22nd
at Community Church

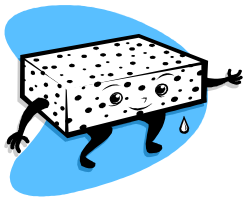
Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up.
A sign-up sheet is posted in Luther Hall.

**Join in this community-wide event
and experience the joy of serving others.**

Pr. Jim & Norma will, once again, be leading our volunteers.

2011-2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2011-2012 school year will be available in the Parish Office and on the parish website (www.emanuel-lutheran.com) after February 20th. Completed applications must be submitted to the office by April 4th. All eligibility requirements are stated on the applications. Please contact the parish office at 843-3686 if you have any further questions. Thank you.



Spring Cleaning in the Kitchen

A team of hardworking, kitchen lovers is working to clean out Emanuel's kitchen and get things in order! If you would like to be a part of this wonderful group, please call Hjordis for more information (233-2472). If you have thoughts about any particular items in the kitchen, please share those as well. Our goal is to get our kitchen freshened up, uncluttered, and highly organized!! Watch the Embers for our next meeting date!

Lent 2011

"Daring to Take the Journey"

Ash Wednesday Services

12:05 pm	Emanuel Lutheran Church
5:35 pm	Grace Episcopal Church
7:00 pm	Bethany Lutheran Church
7:15 pm	Emanuel Lutheran Church

Lenten Mid-Week Services

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
		<i>Eucharist</i>	
		<i>Soup-Salad-Study</i>	
March 16	Emanuel Friesner homilist/celebrant	"When Storms Come"	Matthew 14:22-33 Romans 10:5-15
March 23	Bethany* Huether homilist/celebrant	"Piercing the Darkness"	Matthew 15:10-20 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
March 30	Grace Friesner homilist/celebrant	"The Gates of Hell"	Matthew 16:13-20 Romans 12:1-8
April 6	Emanuel* Huether homilist/celebrant	"The Weight of the World"	Matthew 26:36-46 Philippians 2:5-11
April 13	Grace (Victory-Trinity to host meal) Huether/Friesner homilist/celebrant	"Total Commitment"	Matthew 27:11-26 Isaiah 50:4-9a

**hosting Hospitality INC that week*

February 80+ Birthday Club

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:

2-7 **Ardith Johnson**

2-11 **Robert Wilson**

2-21 **Doris Hartman**

For a complete list of February birthdays,
please visit our website at: www.emmanuel-lutheran.com



Congratulations and Welcome!

The Emanuel parish family is proud to announce the birth of **Rilyn Grace Castillo**, daughter of Crystal & Tony Castillo, who was born on Monday, January 10, 2011. Rilyn is welcomed by her big brother and sister, Ayden & Kayla, as well as her aunt, Kris Castillo, her grandmother, Cindy Jarvie, and great-grandparents, Pat & Otis Jarvie. **Welcome Rilyn Grace!**



Congratulations are also extended to the family of **William Austin Conklin**, son of Molly & Brent Conklin, who was born on Sunday, January 17, 2011. William is welcomed by big brother, Charles, as well as his proud grandparents, Sandy Nelson and Jack & Linda Conklin. **Welcome William!**



The Emanuel parish family extends our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Arline Gruber** who passed away on Friday, January 7, 2011. Cards of sympathy may be sent to the family at 6131 W Davis Rd, Freesoil, MI 49411.

May she rest in peace.

Youth News

Thanks to children in the Kid's Club for helping to make the new ribbon inserts for our Sanctuary Hymnals. Helpers included the following: Charlotte Glanville, Abby Millspaugh, Alaina Janish, Lillè Cunic, Darwin Mitchell, and several others. The children worked together over several months and have now completed the task! We hope you enjoy being able to "keep your place" as you move through the service each Sunday.

Kid's Club:

Kid's in 3rd-5th grades are invited to join in this bi-weekly activity. We meet the 1st and 3rd week of each month from 3:30-5:00 pm. A light snack is served. Video games, board games, lounging and good conversation are just some of the activities available.

Acolyte Training:

Any child in grade 3 and older is invited to join in our next training session. The first of a series of classes will be held on Feb. 1st from 3:30-4:30 pm. The class will be led by Kathy Rees.

Communion Classes Starting...

Patricia Ezdebski is organizing the annual First Communion classes for Emanuel Lutheran Church. Eligible students include anyone who is baptized and is in third grade or older. This is a 9-week class beginning February 9 (one of the classes will be attendance at the Ash Wednesday Service on March 9). Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the church. Parents, if you think your child is ready or you have questions, please contact Patricia Ezdebski (845-2350 during the day or 843-6430 evenings) or Pastor Friesner (843-3686). Families will again have two options for First Communion dates: either Palm Sunday (April 17, 2011) or Mother's Day (May 8, 2011).



Confirmation classes meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30. For a complete schedule of classes, please contact the parish office at 843-3686.

Please keep our Confirmation Students in prayer:

Madisyn Brockelbank
Kaitlyn Dixon
Rune Kirby
Julia Maltbie
Tambrea Sumner

Zachery Buskirk
Kyle Dixon
Jacob Lesinski
Maggie Nagle
Laci Sroka

Cady Thomas

2010 Audit Report

Audit committee meeting of 3/22/2010,
Emanuel Lutheran Church at 7:30PM
Subcommittee of Finance Committee

Present: Kim Hamm Beth DeKuiper
 Jeanne Kagey Tammy Brand, Treasurer
 Jim Grey, member of Finance committee

Tammy provided the committee with ELCA guidelines for audit procedures. She provided the committee with all the paid receipts with signed vouchers, bills, bank statements and canceled checks for 2009 year for General Funds which includes all designated fund accounts.

All checks are to be signed by 2 signers from the list of 6, Treasurer, Pastor, and council representatives, President, VP, Secretary and member at large.

The committee randomly selected accounts to audit and found the following:

--On very rare occasions it was noted that a 2nd signature was missing.

It would be helpful for audit purposes only if expense account numbers were placed on vouchers. (Note: The Treasurer is now doing this since February 2009)

Checks marked VOID should be so marked in indelible ink rather than pencil.

The committee as a whole found the work of the Treasurer very thorough and her work exemplary. We followed items from purchase to payment, all were well recorded.

It would be the recommendation of the Audit Committee to charge the Financial Secretary with the recording of checks on bank deposits by name and said deposit records retained by the Financial Secretary for number of years as required by the IRS for audit purposes. At the present time all deposits by the Financial Secretary are sent to the bank with only an adding machine tape.

The committee also recommends that the Treasurer provide the Finance Committee members with a monthly copy of the check register of paid expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kagey, member

Congratulations to our new Council Members

At the Annual Meeting on January 23, 2011 the following people were elected to Council:

<i>Ann Bird</i>	<i>Cindy Jarvie</i>	<i>Steve Mertz</i>
<i>Larry Rees</i>	<i>Sereë Jo Schmidt</i>	<i>Don Verquin</i>

The Council further consists of:

<i>Pr. Jim</i>	<i>Tammy Brand</i>	<i>Jim Grey</i>	<i>Tony Hamm</i>
<i>Sandy Nelson</i>	<i>Joyce Usiak</i>	<i>Jerry Welton</i>	

Thank you to all our Council members for their faithful service to the people of Emanuel.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

January 2011

*A total of **\$3,545.00** per week is needed to maintain the day to day ministry of our parish.*

Date Rec'd	Attendance	Operating Budget
01/02	88	\$2,215.00
01/09	95	\$3,408.00
01/16	101	\$1,728.60
01/23	98	\$2,214.00

2011 Parish Pledge to Bread of Life Lutheran Church: \$1,000.00
Noisy Offering Rec'd to date: \$59.48
Balance to be raised: (\$940.52)

2011 Building Fund Debt (as of 01/23):

Total cost of projects:	\$174,348
Total amount borrowed:	\$ 92.600 (incl. interest)
Amount received to date (to pay off loans):	\$ 52,973

Minutes from the Annual Meeting

Minutes from Emanuel Lutheran's 2010 Annual Meeting held on January 23, 2011 are available in the Parish Office. If you would like a copy of the minutes, please stop by the office or call 843-3686. Electronic copies may be sent via e-mail at your request. You may also view the minutes on our website at www.emmanuel-lutheran.com after February 1st. (Annual Reports are also available in the Parish Office.)



Special thanks go out to Tony Hamm of the Borema-Hamm Insurance Agency, who covered the cost of the turkey for our meal at the Annual Meeting. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Thank you so much for the food you have been donating to the food pantry. It is greatly appreciated. We think it really shows your love and care since times are so hard. Last year, we had 96 families come in November to the food pantry. This year, 129 families came. Last year, in December, 74 families came to the food pantry. This year, 109 families came in December to the food pantry. The increase in families depending on the food pantries shows how bad our economy is. Again, thank you so much for your love.

*Love, Bruce & Sandy Wright
and the Harbor Light Food Pantry*



February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:00 am Morning Prayer @ Grace 1:00 pm WEW 3:30 pm Acolyte Training 3:45 pm Kid's Club 7:00 pm WEW 8:00 pm AA Meeting	<i>2</i> 11:00 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Evening Prayer at Grace	<i>3</i> 9:00 am Morning Prayer @ Emanuel 9:30 Pastor's Bible Study 6:15 Grace Notes 7:00 Choir 8:00 pm AA meeting	<i>4</i> Pastor's Sabbath --Office Closed--	<i>5</i>
6 Epiphany 5 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm AA Meeting	<i>7</i> 9:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm WEW 5:00 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Council	<i>8</i> 9:00 am Morning Prayer @ Grace 9:00 am PEO 1:00 pm WEW 7:00 pm WEW 8:00 pm AA Meeting	<i>9</i> 11:00 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Evening Prayer at Grace 6:30 pm First Communion Class	<i>10</i> 9:00 am Morning Prayer @ Emanuel 9:30 Pastor's Bible Study 5:00 pm Girl Scout Sleepover 6:15 Grace Notes 7:00 Choir 8:00 pm AA meeting	<i>11</i> Pastor's Sabbath --Office Closed-- <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor Jim on Vacation through Feb 20th. </div>	<i>12</i>
13 Epiphany 6 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament --Noisy Offering--Supply Pastor 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm AA Meeting	<i>14</i> 1:00 pm WEW	<i>15</i> 9:00 am Morning Prayer @ Grace 1:00 pm WEW 3:45 pm Kid's Club 7:00 pm WEW 8:00 pm AA Meeting	<i>16</i> 11:00 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Evening Prayer at Grace 6:30 pm First Communion Class	<i>17</i> 9:00 am Morning Prayer @ Emanuel 9:30 Pastor's Bible Study 6:15 Grace Notes 7:00 Choir 8:00 pm AA meeting	<i>18</i> Pastor's Sabbath --Office Closed--	<i>19</i> 3:00 pm Eagle Scout "Court of Honor" for Zack Eastway
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