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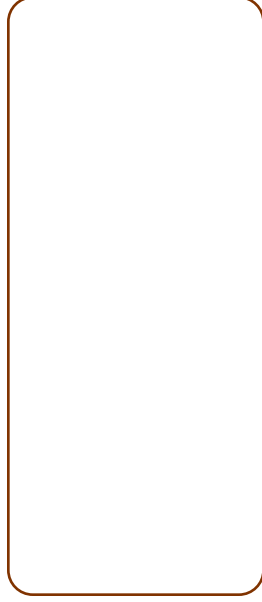
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Monday-Thursday 9:00 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.
 Lunch: 12:30 —1:00 p.m.

The Office is closed on Fridays.

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



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A Letter from St. Paul to Emanuel?



One of the letters included in the New Testament and attributed to St. Paul is a letter to the church at Ephesus, commonly referred to as the book of Ephesians. Throughout its six chapters, the writer lifts up the hope we have in this one called Jesus the Christ. This letter “celebrates the life of the church, a unique community established by God through the work of Jesus Christ, who is its head.”

However, among modern and post-modern scholars, some traditional thinking has been challenged and a couple of difficult questions have been raised. One of the questions is in regard to the authorship of the letter. That is to say, did St. Paul truly write the book of Ephesians?

Additionally, others take this question to the next step by negating the idea that the letter was specifically written to Ephesus at all. Instead, they believe it should be regarded as a ‘circular letter’ not written for one particular community, but intended for several communities in Asia Minor.

For me, the individual authorship of each book and letter is not important. This letter, regardless of who the author might be or to whom it was originally written, is part of our canon. Established at the Council of Nicaea in 325, we still believe this canon (Bible) is the inspired word of God; that it is the living word of God, and that the Spirit of God can speak into our lives through her text.

So, that being said, I do need to say that I am intrigued by the idea of it being a “circular letter,” This proposition encourages us to consider the implications of the letter in our time and place. If it was never intended for just one audience, but instead was written with the hope that several communities might read it, we then should be encouraged, or at least provoked, to consider the words of the Letter to the Ephesians as they apply to our lives today.

In Chapter 4, beginning at verse 11, we find these words: *“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.”*

We have just concluded our Stewardship focus for 2011-12. Yet there remains much work to be done. So, I am wondering, what gifts do we, as a community, hold that we are not sharing? Not for our own sakes, but for the *“building up of the body of Christ.”*

We are constantly in need of Sunday School Teachers, Worship Leaders, Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Coffee Hour Hosts. We also need Altar Guild Workers, Choir Members, Praise Band Participants and Small Group Leaders. We need Office Volunteers, and Committee Members to serve on our Christian Education, Outreach, Property, Worship, Finance, Stewardship and Congregational Care committees. We need volunteers for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners as well as Community Table. And the list goes on...

Our Stewardship focus this year has returned us to a basic understanding of our faith: God our Father, having given the Son for the redemption of God’s whole creation, speaks to our hearts through the witness of the Holy Spirit and our lives are forever changed. God’s work begins in our heart and our theme has been:

“Stewardship is Heart ♥Work!”

May God’s Spirit continue to speak to our hearts and do a good thing for the sake of the Gospel. May we all be encouraged to share our many gifts, for in doing so we also experience *“the measure of the full stature of Christ.”*

See you in church on Sunday!

Pr. Jim



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“I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.”
—Ephesians 1:15-16

Parish Committees & Chairs

Altar Guild		Property	
Jenny Grey	343-3222	Jerry Welton	843-4743
Norma Friesner	468-9233	Scholarship	
Christian Outreach		Sonja Siewert	794-8106
Anna Anderson	845-5684	Stewardship	
Christian Education		Jim Grey	843-0990
Bill Anderson	845-5684	Jeanne Kagey	843-9945
Congregational Care		Worship & Music	
Sandy Nelson	845-5295	Jenny Grey	343-3222
Finance			
Joyce Usiak	852-0066		

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Executive Board

Rev. James L. Friesner, Jr., 231-468-9155, Parish Pastor

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Steve Mertz, 845-1185, Secretary

Tony Hamm, 843-9540, At-Large

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<i>James Grey</i>	843-0990	Position C
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<i>Tony Hamm</i>	843-9540	Position J
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<i>Ann Bird</i>	845-5523	Position L

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<i>Donald Verduin</i>	425-3549	Position H

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<i>Craig Avery</i>	233-1680	Music Director
<i>Sally Teague</i>	845-6706	Sexton
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<i>Eric Dixon</i>	843-9253	Grounds

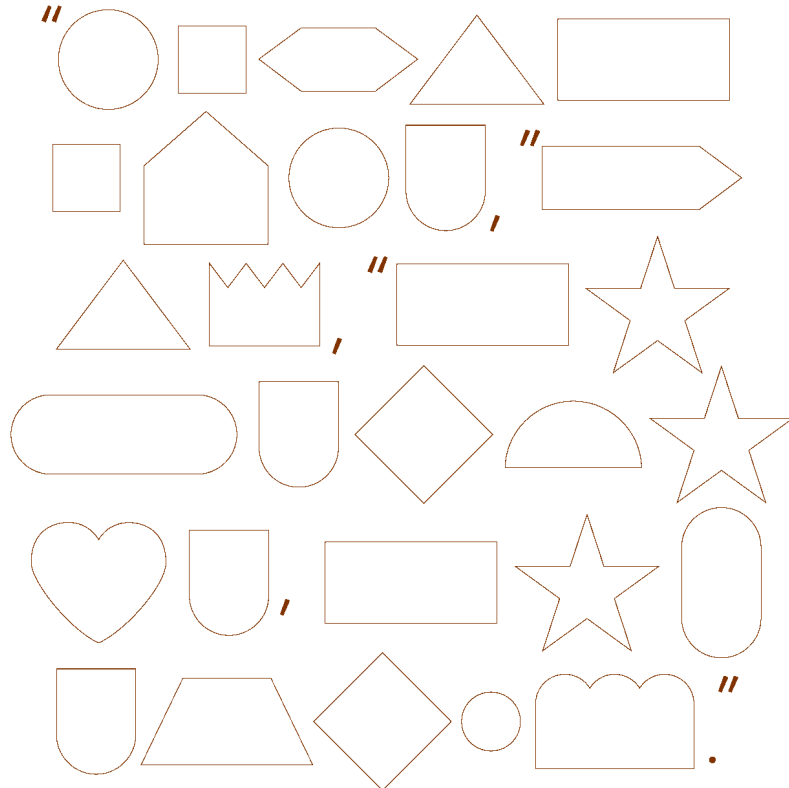
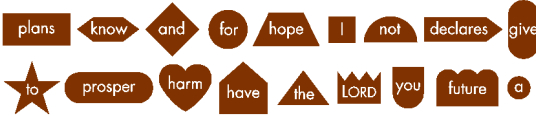


PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:

<i>Al Bloomer</i>	<i>11-05</i>
<i>Norma Otto</i>	<i>11-06</i>
<i>Geraldine Schultz</i>	<i>11-07</i>
<i>Bill Swan</i>	<i>11-12</i>
<i>Marilyn Marrison</i>	<i>11-15</i>
<i>Evelyn Fearnow</i>	<i>11-17</i>
<i>Robert Bahr</i>	<i>11-25</i>



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

Please keep our Confirmation Students in prayer:
Madisyn Brockelbank, Zachery Buskirk, Kaitlyn Dixon, Kyle Dixon, Rune Kirby, Jacob Lesinski, Julia Maltbie, Maggie Nagle, Tambrea Sumner, Laci Sroka and Cady Thomas
Leah Cutler, Emily Millspaugh, and Morgan Mitchell



The Emanuel parish family extends our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Charles Goff**, husband of Carol Goff and father of Brad (Judy) Goff, who passed away on Monday, October 17, 2011. The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated in our Nave on October 20, 2011. Cards of sympathy may be sent to the family at: 309 W Evergreen Lane, Scottville, MI 49454

May he rest in peace.

**A FAITHFUL STEWARD'S RESPONSE
TO NOVEMBER'S GOSPELS:**

- ♥ **November 6: Matthew 5:1-12** Today's passage could be seen as describing the characteristics of what it takes to be a faithful steward. Can you see yourself in any of the descriptions Jesus offers? If so—congratulations! If not—why not?
- ♥ **November 13: Matthew 25:14-30** There's a lesson for each of us in the story Jesus tells. Whether we care to recognize them or not, each of us has been given one or more gifts (abilities, skills, talents). It seems to me that one of the points Jesus is trying to make here is that it's what we do with our gifts that will determine how God deals with us. So, what are you doing with what you've been given?
- ♥ **November 20: Matthew 25:31-46** Stewardship can be defined very simply as "taking care." In today's gospel passage, Jesus talks about people who take care of other people, namely those who are hungry or thirsty, those who are foreigners, those who lack clothing, as well as those who are sick or imprisoned. Thinking about that list, you might want to ask yourself: what kind of steward am I?
- ♥ **November 27: Mark 13:24-37** Jesus stresses that we do not know the day or hour of his coming, so we must "keep awake." Let's be sure our lives reflect an attitude of attentiveness and appreciation for all God's gifts and a willingness to share those blessings with one another. Then, we can say without fear, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



A Measure of Our Love



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

Date Rec'd	Attendance	Envelope Offerings	Year-to-Date
10/02	122	\$4,350	\$(18,152)
10/09	118	\$3,559	\$(18,138)
10/16	138	\$2,600	\$(19,083)
10/18 (October Feast)	—	\$2,000	\$(17,083)
10/23	124	\$2,580	\$(18,048)
Noisy Offering (\$1,000 pledged)		Rec'd to date:	\$ 776.98
LSSM (\$1,000 pledged)		Rec'd to date:	\$ 780.00
Missions (\$1,000 pledged)		Rec'd to date:	\$ 1235.00
World Hunger (\$1,000 pledged)		Rec'd to date:	\$ 423.00

2011 Building Fund Debt (as of 10/30):

Total cost of projects:	\$174,348
Total amount borrowed:	\$ 92,600 (incl. interest)
Amount received to date (to pay off loans):	\$ 76,742

Parish Ministries



Wednesday
Morning
Prayer Group

Join us each Wednesday at 11:00 am as we pray for the special intentions of our parish.

EMERGENCY MEALS: As an outreach ministry of Emanuel Lutheran Church, meals are delivered to those recovering from an illness, accident or another emergency situation. If you know of someone who is in need of emergency meals, please call the parish office at 843-3686.



An informal men's small-group ministry called "Coffee and Conversation", consists, very simply, of a weekly opportunity to get together. For information, see Steve Mertz after church, or join us this Wednesday at 9 AM at Brenda's Harbor Cafe, 316 S. James St.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Beginning on November 13, our Angel Tree will be trimmed with gift tags for several local families. Please consider taking a tag and purchasing a gift for a family in need this Christmas. Gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 4th. Thank you, in advance, for spreading the true meaning of Christmas by participating in our Angel Tree Project.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The 2012 schedule for Coffee Hour Hosts is in process. If you currently serve and would like to request any special dates, or if you are unable to serve on any particular Sunday, please contact Tanya Lesinski at 231-425-4090. **New Coffee Hour Hosts are always welcome!** Perhaps you and a friend would like to serve together. Just call Tanya or the Parish Office, 843-3686, to volunteer.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



November 6, 2011

Sunday, November 6, is All Saints Sunday. At the 9:30 service, we will remember all those who have gone before us, particularly those members who have gone home to Jesus since last November. Please join us in remembering our faithful departed in a special way on November 6th. **INCENSE WILL BE USED.**

November 11, 2011

**Thank you, Veterans, for your
unselfish service to God and country!**



God Bless
Our Veterans

Emanuel's Pictorial Directory



Thank you to all were photographed for our new pictorial directory. Emanuel was very well represented with 101 sittings! We are so pleased with your participation and are excited that our new directory will so faithfully depict our Emanuel family!

—Ann Bird

You are invited to TATERS-N-TOPPINGS

A buffet with your choice of baked white or sweet potato and your favorite toppings, salad and dessert.

November 10, 5:30-7:00 pm

Bethany Lutheran Church, 1101 S Madison, Ludington
Please RSVP by November 8: 843-8711 or 757-2315
Free will offering to benefit Lutheran World Relief & Bethany.



Emanuel, with the help of our brothers & sisters from Grace Episcopal, will be hosting Hospitality in the Name of Christ from Sunday evening, November 27th to Sunday morning December 11th. Women and men are especially needed as overnight hosts. This opportunity involves a commitment from 10 P.M. to 6:30 A.M. on the available day(s) of your choice. The time is divided into three shifts with sleeping accommodations separate from our clients. The participants in the past have found the experience most satisfying. If interested, we urge you to call Jim Grey at (231)843-0990 or jimgreyus@yahoo.com.

Christian Ed in the News!

**Confirmation Classes meet
on Sunday afternoons from 5:00-6:30 pm**
Dinner will be served each evening.



**KID'S CLUB MEETS AFTER SCHOOL
ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH
FROM 3:30-5:00 PM.**

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to come to the church to share a snack, play games, do homework or just "chill" with friends.



A reminder to those signed up for our Youth Mission Trip:

As you know, we are partnering with St Paul Methodist Church and The United Methodist Church of Ludington (Bryant Rd.). We will be having 4 team-building sessions with these other 2 churches. It is very important that you attend these gatherings. Not only will you get a chance to meet the other youth we will be travelling with, but you will learn a lot about our trip. There will be a meal, games, music, and more!! The dates for these events are as follows:

- November 4th, 4:30-7 pm @ St. Paul Methodist
- January 27, 4:30-7 pm @ Bryant Rd Methodist
- April 13, 4:30-7 pm @ Emanuel Lutheran
- June 8th, time & place TBA

Please mark your calendars and watch for more details as these events approach!! If you have any questions, please feel free to call (233-2472) or email Hjordis at hjordis@charter.net!

CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE: To help fund our Mission Trip, the youth will be doing an "ongoing" can/bottle drive. You may either drop off items at the designated area in Luther Hall or sign up there to have once-a-month pick up of your cans/bottles. Please consider supporting our youth in this way. To date, the youth have raised \$80.



Mark your calendar for the following December events:

- **St. Lucia Celebration—December 11 at 6:00 pm.**
- **Children's Christmas Pageant—December 18:** Our show this year is called "*Star of Wonder*." We will be assigning parts and passing out CD's of the music very soon. Be sure to join us each week as we prepare for this magical event!

For more information on youth activities, contact Hjordis at 843-3686.



Thank You!

Many, many thanks to Steve Mertz and his *October Feast* crew for a very successful fund-raising event! The dinner was delicious and very well attended. After costs, the event raised approximately \$2,100 to help reduce Emanuel's operating deficit. Thank you to all who supported this effort!

The Emanuel Parish Family extends a warm welcome to Kody Smith, who will be joining "Grace Notes" on occasion as a guest drummer. Thank you, Kody, for sharing your talents with us.



PLEASE NOTE: The November LSSM ACTION PROJECT DAY at Bethany Lutheran Church has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 17th from 9 am-12 noon.



There is still time to participate in West Shore Pregnancy Care Center's "Legacy of Life" campaign. This is an opportunity for you to leave a legacy of life for your family and for the families of our clients. If you wish to learn more about this campaign,

please contact Tracey Chapman, executive director of WSPCC at 843-7094 or www.wspcc.org.

Also, as we prepare our new building for us to move in, there are some areas in which we need additional people to help with:

- ♥ Take wallpaper down and prepare walls for painting
- ♥ Paint
- ♥ Light carpentry/handy man work
- ♥ Gardening/landscaping
- ♥ Cleaning

We expect traffic to increase with the increased awareness in the community and access to Ludington schools, therefore, we are seeking additional peer counselors to meet with clients. If any of these areas are of interest to you, or if you have other ideas for service, please contact Tracey at 843-7094 or info@wspcc.org.

Thank you, Thank you!

To the Sahlmark Scholarship Committee:
I want to take this time and opportunity to thank you for awarding me a scholarship so I can continue learning computers at West Shore Community College. I apologize that I have not done this earlier. I am needing eleven classes to finish up my computer/administration associates degree and the scholarship has helped me pay for some of admissions and books. Thank you very much for allowing me to continue my education with the help of the scholarship opportunities that are given each year.

Thank you very much,
David Buskirk

ENJOY BREAKFAST WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY ON:

Sunday, November 13

Join us immediately after worship for
Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy & Fruit
Coffee, Juice & Milk, too!



Planning Ahead:

silent Auction



Emanuel Lutheran Church will be holding a Silent Auction in December. We are looking for gift certificates from local businesses, craft items, tickets for movies, sporting events, or concerts, and other such items to auction. If you have anything of value that you would be willing to donate to be auctioned, please contact the Parish Office, 231-843-3686, or bring your item into the office on or before November 27th. *Please note, this is not a White Elephant sale. Only new, unused items of value, please.*

Some of the items to be auctioned are:

- ◆ Christmas Wreath
- ◆ Amethyst Necklace
- ◆ Baggallini Purse
- ◆ Handmade Quilt
- ◆ Dessert-a-Month for a year
- ◆ Two children's Christmas Dresses
- ◆ Round-Trip on the S.S. Badger for 2 adults and 2 children with auto

The Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 24, 2011 from noon until 2:00 p.m.

We are in need of Kitchen Help! Please call Vicki to volunteer: 843-8873.

