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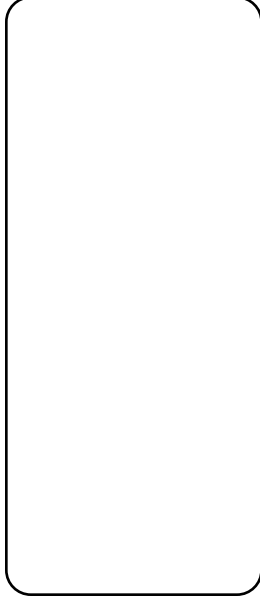
Monday-Thursday 9:00 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.
Lunch: 12:30 —1:00 p.m.

The Office is closed on Fridays.

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



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Word & Sacrament celebrated on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Change is upon us in the parish as well.

Following a summer of respite and relaxation, our annual fall programing will soon begin. **Rally Day** is set for **September 11th**. This year, instead of returning to the 10:30 a.m. worship time for fall and winter, **Worship** will continue to be celebrated at **9:30 a.m.** This year our **Sunday School** program will run simultaneously with worship. Our children will meet together at **9:30 a.m.** downstairs, and then join us in worship as the Eucharist begins. This change, encouraged by the Christian Ed Committee, will mean that the Children's Sermon, traditionally at the beginning of the

What a wonder this summer has been! Yet, truth be told, it has also happened all too quickly. It truly seems like just yesterday I was thinking about how the gardens would be planted this year, how I would complete the project in my garage that needed warm weather, and how I would purposefully take more time this summer to simply enjoy the season— especially, the beautiful lake that is found just to our west.

But as it goes, I am now thinking about how I will ready the gardens for winter, how I feel under the gun to complete my summer project before it gets too cold to work in the garage, and how I missed way too many summer sunsets at the beach, like the one I enjoyed with my grandchildren this past weekend. The nip I feel in the air in the early morning and the cool late-evening breeze is all too evident. Fall will come quickly and, regardless of our efforts to avoid it, winter will follow. The seasons will change.



service, will be almost the last thing we do. That is a really big change! However, we have talked about this and we all agree, it is really important to have this time with our children in worship. This time together provides for many things but, most importantly, it is a time for community and relationship-building with the children, the pastor, and the whole parish family. Change is good!

This year, our stewardship focus will also begin on **September 11th**. We have entitled it **“Stewardship is Heart♥Work.”** The focus will conclude on **Oct 23rd**. The Stewardship committee is working hard to help us experience the *“grace of stewardship”* as, perhaps, we have never experienced it before. Our church family will be encouraged to participate more fully in our faith community, being faithful stewards on many different levels. Stewardship is more than our yearly offering commitment. This year we will focus on celebrating the many gifts we have in our church family and how we can share them as, together, we celebrate Jesus!

Which brings me to my final thought. Celebrating Jesus is what we are all about. We celebrate him in worship. We celebrate him in education as we teach the next generation of his great sacrifice and love. And, we celebrate him in stewardship as we recognize that our lives are not our own. They have been bought with a price. Jesus paid that price.

Join me and the rest of the family, as we celebrate the One who not only changes the seasons, but also the One who changes our hearts!

See you in church on Sunday!

Pr. Jim



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Parish Committees & Chairs

Altar Guild		Finance	
Jenny Grey	343-3222	Joyce Usiak	852-0066
Norma Friesner	468-9233	Property	
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Sandy Nelson	845-5295	Worship & Music	
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Officers and Council Members

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Rev. James L. Friesner, Jr., 231-468-9155, Parish Pastor
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Steve Mertz, 845-1185, Secretary
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<i>James Grey</i>	843-0990	Position C
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Through 2012

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<i>Tony Hamm</i>	843-9540	Position J
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<i>Eric Dixon</i>	843-9253	Grounds
<i>Dick Falk</i>	843-4976	Gardens

Parish Ministries

CAN YOU CROSS STITCH?

Christian Outreach Committee is looking for someone who would be willing to cross stitch bread cloths for us. Homemade blueberry muffins are placed in a basket, lined with a special cross-stitched bread cover and taken to our visitors/new members. If you can help cross stitch the bread cloths, please call Anna Anderson at 835-5684. We have the cloths and the chart ... *all we need is you!*

We are also in need of someone to cross stitch a design on Baptismal stoles for children. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lou in the Parish Office, 843-3686.



**Wednesday
Morning
Prayer Group**

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

All are welcome!

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.



MEN'S GROUP

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 Street.

September 80+ Birthday Club

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:

Arlene Whitenight	9/04
Arlen Christensen	9/13
Mildred Beard	9/20
Patricia Aden	9/21



*For a complete list of September 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 Millsbaugh, and Morgan Mitchell



BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

**Maya Addison Gritter Brillhart
and**

Skyler Payton Gritter Brillhart

Daughters of Terry & Danielle Gritter Brillhart

August 5, 2011

Charles Jonathan Hrodey

Son of Peter & Audrey Hrodey

Grandson of Don & Nancy Hrodey

August 7, 2011



A FAITHFUL STEWARD'S RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER'S GOSPELS:

- ♥ September 4: Matthew 18:15-20 "Some people say that they can't see or find Jesus anywhere in their lives. In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that he will be found wherever two or three are gathered together in his name. Sounds like Jesus likes to be among company. How often do you gather with others "in his name"?"
- ♥ September 11: Matthew 18:21-35 Who says stewardship has nothing to do with anything but money? This story clearly tells us that stewardship and forgiveness are interwoven. Jesus reminds us that the faithful steward is one who cares so much for others that they are able to forgive—even when they might feel they are owed much!
- ♥ September 18: Matthew 20:1-16 "I'll pay you whatever is fair," says the owner of the vineyard to those he hires. However, by the end of the day, the payment hardly seems fair to those who have worked under the hot sun all day long. God's generosity know no bounds. How many times do you think to yourself: "God's not being fair to me"? Think again!
- ♥ September 25: Matthew 21:23-32 Jesus speaks about John the Baptist to those who "have it made." They didn't listen to John's message which advocated for justice. However, says Jesus, the toll collectors and prostitutes did. And they (as we all know) didn't "have it made." Are there connections between stewardship and justice? You be the judge.



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
08/07	116	\$4,930	\$(12,583)
08/14	128	\$3,585	\$(12,543)
08/21	119	\$2,325	\$(13,763)
08/28	129	\$3,417	\$(13,891)
Noisy Offering (\$1,000 pledged)		Rec'd to date:	\$ 664.52
LSSM (\$1,000 pledged)		Rec'd to date:	\$ 180.00
Missions (\$1,000 pledged)		Rec'd to date:	\$ 1170.00
World Hunger (\$1,000 pledged)		Rec'd to date:	\$ 383.00

2011 Building Fund Debt (as of 8/21):

Total cost of projects:	\$ 174,348
Total amount borrowed:	\$ 92,600 (incl. interest)
Amount received to date (to pay off loans):	\$ 71,159

Planning Ahead:

ENJOY BREAKFAST WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY ON:

September 11—October 9—November 13

Join us immediately after worship on September 11 for Strata (both meat and vegetable); Fresh Fruit; Sweets; Coffee, Juice & Milk



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 OCTOBER! FEAST!

It's fall! It's food! It's fun! We want to pull together to put on a really nice fundraising dinner, and we think it's for a good cause...closing our church budget gap. We've

had fun working on other projects like this, why not put our resources to work to keep Emanuel solvent?

We've planed an Octoberfest-theme dinner, and we're inviting the whole community. Put this date on your calendar: **Tuesday, October 18**. We'll need the help of many of you here in the congregation, and we have some tasks that need to be started now.

Right now, we need folks who can help us get the word out and organize a good ticket-distribution effort. We need folks who can solicit donations to underwrite the event, including things that are locally available (apples, potatoes, apple juice, ice cream). As the event approaches, we will need people to set up and decorate, donate homemade pies, and we'll need a big crew of cooks, dining room helpers, and folks to assist with assorted "event" tasks.

So start thinking about all the people you can invite, and sign up soon to help. We'll have a volunteer table out in Luther Hall after church on Sunday mornings or you can call Steve Mertz (845-1185). **PLEASE GET INVOLVED. YOU'LL HAVE FUN AND HELP EMANUEL AT THE SAME TIME!**

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.

Thank You

Dear Pastor Friesner:

Please allow me to express the gratitude of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan for Emanuel Lutheran Church-Ludington's recent donation. LSSM appreciates your members' commitment to serving people as an expression of the love of Christ.

Cordially,
Richard K. Martin, Vice President, Advancement

Dear Pr. Jim,

The "official purpose of this letter is to thank Emanuel Lutheran for the most recent Mission partner gift made to Bread of Life. Your support is really appreciated and a blessing to our congregation. Please thank everyone for us and let them know we cherish the partnership between the two congregations.

Secondly, I want you to know that I am looking forward to your presence on the 4th to baptize Nora...it has been good getting to know Emily and her family...such cute grandchildren!

Take care, and may God continue to bless you, your entire family and your ministry.

In Christ's name,
Pastor Paul Krupinski
Bread of Life Lutheran Church

This letter is to thank you for the use of your facility for our "Summer Meals for Kids Program". We served 727 meals to needy children at the Emanuel site. Including our 4 other sites, we served a total of 4,647 lunches and 2,443 breakfasts. It is an awesome program and I hope we can work together next year. Have a great "rest" of the summer.

Mary Ann Nielsen, Food Service Director
Mason County Central Schools

The Family of Barb Grimm would like to thank Emanuel for everything they did for our wife and mom's funeral. To the ladies of the church for the wonderful food before the service and to Pastor Jim for being there with us during Barb's last moments, and for everything you have helped us with before, during and after...thank you.

Jack & Lorrie Smith, Alex & Chase
The family of Barb Grimm

Stewardship is Heart♥Work

Over the next six weeks our Emanuel family is going to be focusing on our walk with Jesus through our 'Stewardship is Heart♥Work!' theme, with special emphasis on our use of the financial resources God has entrusted to us. Through letters, Herald and Embers articles, temple talks, and sermons, we will strive to grow closer to Jesus as we take this walk together.

The great poet Robert Frost once wrote, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I ... I took the one less traveled by, and that made all the difference." On our walk with Jesus, it is important that we are on a positive road.

When it comes to financial stewardship, some people ask the question, "How much money does Emanuel need?" This question will send us down a dead-end road. It is a question that Jesus never encourages us to ask. It is a question that is based on several assumptions, one being that God needs our money to spread the Kingdom.

Other people ask, "How generously does God call on me to respond to all the blessings God has showered upon me?" This question will send us down a faithful path. When we think about our use of the financial resources God has entrusted to us, it is important to remember that the resources we have still belong to God and are simply placed in our care and management. It is also important to remember that when Jesus talks about giving, he never talks about the need of the church to receive. He always stresses the need of the giver to give as an expression of a sincere faith.

Our parish stewardship focus for 2011-12 is "Heart♥Work". This year we emphasize that every day is a walk with Jesus and that our financial giving is part of our sincere response to God from our grateful hearts. We boldly proclaim that Jesus is always there with us on every step of the journey.

With these thoughts in mind, by Sunday, October 23rd, each member of our Emanuel parish family will have the opportunity to submit an estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan of giving for the coming year. This will not only be a heartfelt plan for giving to Emanuel Lutheran Church, it will also be our plan for walking with Jesus in the coming year.

Remember, **STEWARDSHIP IS HEART♥WORK!**

In Christ,
your Stewardship Team



Christian Ed in the News!



Confirmation Classes Begin Sept 11 from 4:30-6:30 pm

Dinner will be served from 4:30-5:15 pm. Parents are asked to join in the meal time. There will be a short presentation and class overview at that time.



**Destination: Savannah GA
June 23-30, 2012**

Emanuel is partnering with the Bryant Rd and Riverton United Methodist Youth Groups for this exciting service-oriented adventure! There will even be free-time to explore the Savannah area!

Open to students in grades 6-12.

(Must have completed 6th grade as of June, 2012.)

Registration forms are available from the Parish Office
or call Hjordis at 233-2472.



Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 am.

**Join us for this "sweet" kick-off
of our 2011 Sunday School Program.**

All children aged pre-school through 6th grade are invited.

For more information, contact Hjordis at 843-3686.



**Thank you,
Thank you,
Thank you!**

The fifth annual Back to School Blowout was an enormous success! We believe it was our largest attendance to date with an estimate of 200 people. The success of this event was due in large part to the generosity and hard work of our many, many volunteers and all the members of this parish. You donated toward our Soles for Jesus, baked cookies, assembled school kits, organized and supervised the games, dipped ice cream, grilled hot dogs, served the food and made lemonade. And when it was over, you stayed and cleaned up. You did it all!!

In addition to all the food, games and school supplies, three big hits were the haircuts, the Baby Badger and the bounce house. Thank you to our hair dressers who stood for over two hours cutting hair, to Jerry Welton who brought, assembled, drove and disassembled the Baby Badger and to Joe Ireland who donated the bounce house. A special thank you to the Mason County District Library for donating books. They were a hit!

This event touches a lot of lives in and around our neighborhood. We heard over and over again how much the participants appreciated everything. When a child's name was drawn for one of the shoe vouchers, the squeals of delight could be heard for blocks. We truly are winning Souls for Jesus!

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, thank you and God bless each of you for making a difference in the lives of our neighborhood families.

Anna Anderson, Chairman
August 2011

