

## 2011 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

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
02/13	100	\$2,894	\$(6,241)
02/20	128	\$2,295	\$(7,491)
02/27	103	\$2,017	\$(9,019)
03/06	107	\$4,459	\$(8,105)

**2011 Parish Pledge to Bread of Life Lutheran Church:** \$1,000.00  
 Noisy Offering Rec'd to date: \$130.14  
 Balance to be raised: (\$869.86)

**2011 Building Fund Debt** (as of 03/06):  
 Total cost of projects: \$174,348  
 Total amount borrowed: \$ 92,600 (incl. interest)  
 Amount received to date (to pay off loans): \$ 55,783

**2011-2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are now available in the Parish Office and on the parish website under Publications/Forms. Deadline is May 1st.

Sunday School meets each week at 9:15 am.



*Confirmation Class*  
**March 13th, at 5:00 p.m.**  
*Topic: The Early Church:*  
**the Philippians Hymn**  
*Focus: Humility, Salvation,*  
**Obedience, Confess**

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**LENTEN**  
 Mid-Week Service

**OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE** this week will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at Emanuel. We will begin with the celebration of the Eucharist at 5:30 pm followed by Soup & Study from 6:15-7:15 pm. All are welcome to participate in this Lenten Journey with our brothers and sisters in faith from Grace, Bethany and Victory-Trinity.

## Lenten Vessels

*The ceramic Communion vessels we will be using during Lent were donated by Jim & Jenny Grey after their trip to the Vatican where they purchased the stoneware. The simple, unpretentious beauty of these earthen vessels compliments our altar during this penitential season. Thank you, Jim & Jenny.*

## Why Lent?

*With Ash Wednesday last week we began the season of Lent, with a solemn call to fasting and repentance, as we journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. On Ash Wednesday, the outward sign of ashes suggested our human mortality and frailty. What seemed like an ending was really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the memory of the cross on our brow, we journey through these forty days longing for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.*



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**March 13, 2011**

*"Celebrating and faithfully sharing God's love within and beyond the walls of our church."*

### At Emanuel This Week

<b>Sunday</b> 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM 8:00 PM	<b>March 13--First Sunday in Lent</b> Sunday School Word & Sacrament--Noisy Offering Confirmation Class AA Meeting Downstairs
<b>Monday</b> 9:30 AM 7:00 PM	<b>March 14</b> Staff Meeting Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:30 PM 8:00 PM	<b>March 15</b> Kid's Club AA Meeting Downstairs
<b>Wednesday</b> 11:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	<b>March 16</b> Prayer Group <b>Mid-Week Lenten Service at Emanuel</b> First Communion Class Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b> 9:30 AM 8:00 PM	<b>March 17--Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b> Pastor's Bible Study AA Meeting Downstairs

### Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday</b> 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM 8:00 PM	<b>March 20--Second Sunday in Lent</b> Sunday School Word & Sacrament Confirmation Class AA Meeting Downstairs
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*Please join us for fellowship & hospitality each week in Luther Hall immediately following the Sunday service.*



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all who are primary care-givers to the elderly and infirm.



**Parish members in need:** Polly Barrington, Jim Boomgaard, Dale Brockelbank, Ardith Johnson, Ann Kasley, Marshall Mattis II, Arthur Moberg, Joyce Usiak, Shari Verduin, Melvin Walker, Vernice Walker, Kay Williams.

**Friends in need:** Celeste Balogh, Eric Beltz, Dietrich Bidwell, Tracy Brand, John Hemmer, Dean Johnson, John Killabrew, Karen Klegon, Karl & Lee Landgrebe, Karen Lock, Keila Lonkton, Kara Miranda, Ryan Mynnaar, Anna Nappo, Andrew Perzicki, Carrie Smith Roe, Patty Scatena, Bob Stowe, Gary Swanson, Jim Swayne, Dale Tibbot.

**Pray for those at home:** Pat Aden, Marguerite Anderson, Mary Gwen Barrington, Leah Cutler, Loraine Emms, Charles Goff, Charles & Betty Hargreaves, Ardith Johnson, Clara Johnson, Wilma Keson, Marshall Mattis III, Bruce & Helen Nelson, John & Lorraine Quinn, Evelyn Rohrmoser, Jonah Schmidt, Sylvia Soneral, Sandy Viello, & Arlene Whitenight, Zachery Willis.

**Pray for those in care facilities:** Roger Altrock, Marguerite Andersen, Al Bloomer, Mamie Hansen.

**Pray for our Armed Forces, especially our members:** Navy - Anna Peterson McCray, James Boomgaard, II; Army - Tad Reed, Ezra Swan, Dale Wheeler, Christian Boomgaard; National Guard - Jordan Martz

**Pray for our Veterans,** especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

**Pray for our parish family:** our area churches, our Synod, and especially Zion Lutheran in LeRoy, MI and its Synodically Authorized Minister, Michael Holman, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world.



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** To submit a prayer request, please call the Parish office at 843-3686 or fill out a prayer request card during Sunday worship. Your intention will be held in prayer for 30 days. (Please provide the office with an update if prayers for your intention need to be extended beyond 30 days.) For immediate prayers in a crisis situation, you may activate the Emanuel Prayer Chain by calling Stephanie Sundholm at 845-8320.

## Emanuel's STRATEGIC PLAN for Vision 2015 is complete!

On Sunday, February 20, during our worship service, Dr. Bill Anderson presented Emanuel's final Strategic Plan to implement Vision 2015. If you did not hear his presentation, or would like to review the final Strategic Plan, the document is available on the parish website, [www.emanuel-lutheran.com](http://www.emanuel-lutheran.com), or from the Parish Office, 843-3686.

### Annual Right to Life Dinner

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

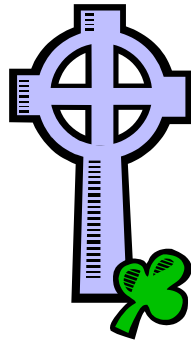
Cornerstone Baptist Church

Doors open at 5:30 pm; Dinner begins at 6:30 pm.

**Keynote Speaker: Marlene Elwell**

Elwell has championed the pro-life campaign from its beginning and has earned the Gabriel Richard Institute's "The Power of One Person Award"

**Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Carolyn or Dale Fitch at 231-425-0714.**



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



### An Irish Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do.  
 May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
 May the sun always shine on your windowpane.  
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
 May the hand of a friend always be near you.  
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



**This Sunday: March 13, 2011**

*First Sunday in Lent*

Acolytes: Erin Maltbie, Julia Maltbie  
 Altar Guild: Terri Boomgaard, Tammy Brand  
 Altar Servers: \*Anna & Bill Anderson, Marilyn Cunic  
 Bible Bearer: Caleb Eastway  
 Coffee Hour: Art & Mary Hoffman  
 Crucifer: Zack Eastway  
 Greeters: Tony & Kim Hamm  
 Lector: Bill or Anna Anderson  
 Offering Counters: Terri Boomgaard, Jerry Welton  
 Usher Captains: as scheduled  
 Taper: Suzanne Tibbot

**Next Sunday: March 20, 2011**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Acolytes: Kaitlyn Shively, Cady Thomas  
 Altar Guild: Jim & Jenny Grey  
 Altar Servers: \*Jenny & Jim Grey, Ryan Glanville  
 Bible Bearer: Tambrea Sumner  
 Coffee Hour: Jeanne Kagey & Volunteer  
 Crucifer: Eli Shively  
 Greeters: Cindy Jarvie, Kathy Keson  
 Lector: Bob Sundholm  
 Offering Counters: Margaret Hayes, Walt Seidelman  
 Usher Captains: as scheduled  
 Taper: Eileen Kline

**Please note: The office is no longer sending reminder postcards. You will receive a phone call early in the week to remind you of your scheduled commitment. MONTHLY SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE. Thank you for your continued service to Emanuel.**



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