

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
02/27	103	\$2,017	\$(9,019)
03/06	107	\$4,459	\$(8,105)
03/13	104	\$4,600	\$(7,050)
03/20	99	\$2,077	\$(8,518)

2011 Parish Pledge to Bread of Life Lutheran Church: \$1,000.00
 Noisy Offering Rec'd to date: \$187.27
 Balance to be raised: (\$812.73)

2011 Building Fund Debt (as of 03/20):

Total cost of projects: \$174,348
 Total amount borrowed: \$ 92,600 (incl. interest)
 Amount received to date (to pay off loans): **\$ 56,184**

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MARCH 27
OR APRIL 3 DUE TO SPRING BREAK.



**REMINDER: NO CLASS ON MARCH 27
AND APRIL 3 DUE TO SPRING BREAK.**

Please join us for fellowship & hospitality each week in Luther Hall immediately following the Sunday service.



PARISH STAFF

The Rev. James L. Friesner, Jr., Pastor
 (pastor@emanuel-lutheran.com) 231.468.9155
Hjordis Rivet, Children & Youth Program Director
 (hjordis@charter.net)
Sally Teague, Sexton
 (office@emanuel-lutheran.com)
Lou McCarthy, Administrative Assistant
 (office@emanuel-lutheran.com)
Craig Avery, Music Director
 craigaverypianist@gmail.com



LENTEN
Mid-Week Service

OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE this week will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at Grace. 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.



Say Yes to God

"Many think of self-denial as giving up something during the Lenten season. Others have said that it is to be dead to self, or even to hate self. I disagree with these opinions. When Jesus referred to self-denial (Mark 8:34), he was not talking about denying ourselves some luxury item or denying the reality of self or the needs of self. Rather, he was focusing on the importance of renouncing self as the center of our life and actions.

In other words, self-denial is the decision of each of his followers to give over to God his body, career, money and time. A true disciple is willing to shift the spiritual center of gravity in his life. Self-denial is the sustained willingness to say no to oneself in order to say yes to God."

--Bill Hull

DON'T MISS: "THE GRACE CARD" Witness the Power of Forgiveness

Everything can change in an instant...and take a lifetime to unravel. When Mac McDonald loses his son in an accident, years of bitterness and pain erode his love for his family and leave him angry with God...and everyone else.

Can Mac and Sam Wright, his new patrol partner, somehow join forces to help one another when it's impossible to look past their differences—especially the most obvious one?

Every day, we have the opportunity to rebuild relationships and heal wounds by extending and receiving God's grace. Offer **THE GRACE CARD**...and never underestimate the power of God's love.

Watch the trailer at: <http://www.thegracecardmovie.com/> and don't miss **"The Grace Card"** showing at Harbor Cinemas beginning **Friday, April 1st**. Check the newspaper or online for specific dates/times.

THE

Embers

March 27, 2011

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

At Emanuel This Week

Sunday	March 27--Third Sunday in Lent NO SUNDAY SCHOOL--SPRING BREAK 10:30 AM Word & Sacrament NO CONFIRMATION CLASS--SPRING BREAK 8:00 PM AA Meeting Downstairs
Monday	March 28 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
Tuesday	March 29 8:00 PM AA Meeting Downstairs
Wednesday	March 30 11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Mid-Week Lenten Service at Grace 6:30 PM NO FIRST COMMUNION CLASS --rescheduled for April 13th. 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	March 31 9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study 8:00 PM AA Meeting Downstairs

Upcoming Events

Sunday	April 3--Fourth Sunday in Lent --Emanuel to host Hospitality INC all week-- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL--SPRING BREAK 10:30 AM Word & Sacrament NO CONFIRMATION CLASS--SPRING BREAK 8:00 PM AA Meeting Downstairs
---------------	---

ELCA Disaster Response

39330 Treasury Center
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

Please write **"Pacific Earthquake & Tsunami"**
on your check's memo line.

Thank you for your compassion & generosity.

**Web: www.emanuel-lutheran.com

E-mail: office@emanuel-lutheran.com

* 231-843-3686 *

501 E Danaher, Ludington MI 49431

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered by Anna and Bill Anderson to the glory of God in loving memory of Anna's mother, Bess Moskowitz, who was called home on March 27, 2007.



Parish members in need: Robert Bahr, Polly Barrington, Jim Boomgaard, Dale Brockelbank, Marshall Mattis II, Arthur Moberg, Sandy Nelson, Melvin Walker, Vernice Walker, Kay Williams.

Friends in need: Celeste Balogh, Eric Beltz, Dietrich Bidwell, Alex Branch, 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, Bill Schlegel, Bob Stowe, Gary Swanson, Jim Swayne.

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 Vielmo, & 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 and our Synod, 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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

We are planning an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday morning. If you would like to donate items for this event, please drop off plastic eggs and items to fill them in Luther Hall. (Fill items can include the following: wrapped candies, stickers, small tattoos, coins, etc.) If you have time to "pre-fill" eggs, that is always a big help. Thank you!

Mark your calendar: The Children's Bell Choir will perform on Easter Sunday. Don't miss it!!

Contemporary Service Workshop

Thursday, April 7, 2011--5:30 pm in the Emanuel Library
Anyone with an interest in helping shape Emanuel's contemporary worship service which is planned to begin in June, is asked to join the Worship & Music Committee for a workshop on what the service will include at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7 in the church library. **RSVP to Walt Seidelman at waltseid@yahoo.com or (231) 462-3365.** Also, please remember to fill out and return the survey about time/day preference for the new additional service by the end of March.

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

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

Relay for Life PENNY CHALLENGE



The Relay for Life team of Bethany and Victory-Trinity Lutheran churches invites you to participate in a Penny Challenge to benefit the American Cancer Society. From now until the Relay for Life event on June 11-12 at Oriole Field, we will be collecting pennies in the "Penny Challenge" jar on the half-shelf. This is an easy way for Emanuel to support the Relay for Life and assist our neighboring churches in their efforts to benefit the American Cancer Society. So, save your pennies, and bring them with you when you come to service on Sunday.



This Sunday: March 27, 2011

Third Sunday in Lent

Acolytes:	Shelby French, Rachael Petzak
Altar Guild:	Barb Dixon, Linda Rogers
Altar Servers:	*Linda Rogers, Tammy Brand, Barb Dixon
Bible Bearer:	Kaitlyn Dixon
Coffee Hour:	Pr. Jim & Norma Friesner
Crucifer:	Michael Heinrich
Greeters:	Bob & Stephanie Sundholm
Lector:	Bill Anderson
Offering Counters:	Mary Hoffman, Jeanne Kagey
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Joan Kudla

Next Sunday: April 3, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Acolytes:	Abby Millspaugh, Emily Millspaugh
Altar Guild:	Donna Brucato, Jim & Jenny Grey
Altar Servers:	*Sandy Nelson, Jenny & Jim Grey
Bible Bearer:	Madisyn Brockelbank
Coffee Hour:	Anna & Bill Anderson
Crucifer:	Hayley Brockelbank
Greeters:	Jody French, Tracey Laaksonen
Lector:	Mary Hoffman
Offering Counters:	Larry Rees, Linda Rogers
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Sandy Nelson

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.



Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA

501 E. Danaher Street
Ludington MI 49431-2235
www.emmanuel-lutheran.com

Phone: 231-843-3686
Fax: 231-843-3688
E-mail: office@emmanuel-lutheran.com