

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
03/06	107	\$4,459	\$(8,105)
03/13	104	\$4,600	\$(7,050)
03/20	99	\$2,077	\$(8,518)
03/27	90	\$1,770	\$(10,293)

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 03/27):
 Total cost of projects: \$174,348
 Total amount borrowed: \$ 92,600 (incl. interest)
 Amount received to date (to pay off loans): **\$ 56,394**

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 APRIL 3
 DUE TO SPRING BREAK.**
 Classes resume next week.



**REMINDER: NO CONFIRMATION CLASS ON
 APRIL 3 DUE TO SPRING BREAK.**
 Classes resume next week.

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



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LENTEN
 Mid-Week Service

Lenten Moment

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we admit we've fallen short in all areas of our lives. We haven't followed you faithfully, and we haven't shown love to our neighbors. We don't deserve your forgiveness. But we confess our sins, knowing that you are a God of grace. Thank you for offering us your riches at Christ's expense. Give us a clean slate and help us live for you, now and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Congratulations and Welcome!

The Emanuel parish family is proud to announce the birth of **Jack Xavier Willis**, son of Mark & Jeanne Willis, who was born on Wednesday, March 23, 2011. Jack is welcomed by his big sisters, Reese & Brooke, as well as proud grandparents, Hank & Jeani Groendal. **Welcome Jack!**



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.

OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE this week will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 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.

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April 3, 2011

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

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At Emanuel This Week

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

Monday April 4
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 5:15 PM Outreach Meeting

Tuesday April 5
 6:30 PM Right to Life Dinner at Cornerstone
 8:00 PM AA Meeting Downstairs

Wednesday April 6
 11:00 AM Prayer Group
 5:30 PM **Mid-Week Lenten Service at Emanuel**
 6:30 PM First Communion Class
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday April 7
 9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study
 5:00 PM Girl Scouts
 5:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service Workshop
 8:00 PM AA Meeting Downstairs

Friday April 8
 12:00 Noon Foster School's Oscar Lunch

Upcoming Events

Sunday April 10--Fifth Sunday in Lent--Love Sunday
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Word & Sacrament--Noisy Offering
 5:00 PM Confirmation Class
 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.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all who minister to the poor and homeless in our community.



THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birth of Jack Xavier Willis, son of Mark & Jeanne Willis, who was born on Wednesday, March 23, 2011. *Welcome, Jack!*

Parish members in need: Dale Brockelbank, Marshall Mattis II, Arthur Moberg, Melvin Walker, Vernice Walker, Kay Williams.

Friends in need: Celeste Balogh, Eric Beltz, Dietrich Bidwell, Alex Branch, Tracy Brand, Karen Friesner, John Hemmer, John Killabrew, Karen Klegon, Karl & Lee Landgrebe, Karen Lock, Keila Lonkton, Kara Miranda, Ryan Mynnaar, Anna Nappo, Carrie Smith Roe, Patty Scatena, Bill Schlegel, Bob Stowe, Gary Swanson, Jim Swayne.

Pray for those at home: Pat Aden, Marguerite Anderson, Robert & Helen Bahr, 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: 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 and especially Good Shepherd Lutheran in Manistee, MI and Pastor Philip Nordstrand.



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.**

NEXT WEEK IS OUR "LOVE SUNDAY" POTLUCK

The Christian Outreach Committee will once again host the LOVE SUNDAY POTLUCK immediately following the worship service next **Sunday, April 10**, in Luther Hall. We not only use this opportunity to welcome our new members who have joined Emanuel's parish family during the past year, but it is a wonderful time of fellowship for all of us. **Please bring a dish to share.** We will provide table service and beverages. In the tradition of Emanuel, you are guaranteed a wonderful meal!

On Love Sunday we always ask that you bring non-perishable food items for the Harbor Light Food Pantry. All food will be placed in the Narthex before the service. Recommended items are peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned meals (beef stew, ravioli, Spaghettios), canned tuna, soups, canned fruit, etc.

RELAY FOR LIFE PENNY CHALLENGE

The Relay for Life team of Bethany and Victory-Trinity Lutheran churches has invited Emanuel 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. So, save your pennies, and bring them with you when you come to service on Sunday.



This Sunday: April 3, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Acolytes:	Abby Millspaugh, Emily Millspaugh
Altar Guild:	Donna Brucato, Jim & Jenny Grey
Altar Servers:	*Jenny & Jim Grey, Marilyn Cunic
Bible Bearer:	Madysin Brockelbank
Coffee Hour:	Anna & Bill Anderson
Crucifer:	Hayley Brockelbank
Greeters:	Jody French, Tracey Laaksonen
Lector:	Mary Hoffman
Offering Counters:	Joyce Usiak, Jerry Welton
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Sandy Nelson

Next Sunday: April 10, 2011

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Acolytes:	Katrina Lesinski, Maggie Nagle
Altar Guild:	Carolyn Fitch, Mary Hoffman
Altar Servers:	*Eleanor Anderson, Dee & Dick Falk
Bible Bearer:	Jacob Lesinski
Coffee Hour:	Love Sunday Potluck
Crucifer:	Hayley Brockelbank
Greeters:	Jim & Eleanor Anderson
Lector:	Jenny Grey
Offering Counters:	Joyce Usiak, Jerry Welton
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Suzanne Tibbot

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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