



TODAY'S GOSPEL:
Matthew 21:23-32

A FAITHFUL STEWARD'S RESPONSE:

♥ 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 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
08/28	129	\$3,417	\$(13,891)
09/04	77	\$1,980	\$(15,456)
09/11	143	\$2,717	\$(16,284)
09/18	128	\$1,750	\$(18,079)

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

PARISH STAFF

- The Rev. James L. Friesner, Jr., Pastor**
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The Parish Office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm throughout the Fall/Winter months.

Lake-Mason-Osceola Chapter #30813
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Annual Dinner/Election
Sunday, October 16, 2011
Time-3:00pm

New Location:
Trinity Lutheran School
139 W. Church Ave
(on US-10 East of I-133 about 3-miles)
Reed City, MI

Directions to the School:
From the intersection of US 131 head east on US 10 for approximately 1 mile. At four-way-stop w/blinker light (Old US 131) turn South. Go approximately 1 mile to the traffic light at Church Street. Turn right on Church Street. Drive one block. The school is on the left side.

Entertainment by the "The Sweet Wind"
and, yes, we will have door prizes.
We need to plan for dinner, so **please RSVP by October 10, 2011**
Ruth Anderson at 231-843-4780 or anderson.35@charter.net
Jane Potter at 231-912-0433 or janealice22@yahoo.com
Bring a friend! See you there.

Looking Ahead...



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
OCTOBER! FEAST!

We're planning a big fundraising dinner to help close Emanuel's budget gap, and we need volunteers! Please sign-up at the table in Luther Hall on Sunday mornings or call Steve Mertz (845-1185).

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.



Vicki Dorrell has graciously agreed to chair the event once again. Thank you, Vicki!

As is our custom, we will be collecting cans of fruit pie filling for the LHS Home Economics Dept. to make pies for the meal. Please bring your donations to the church from now until October 16th.

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

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September 25, 2011

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

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday Worship will begin at 9:30 am throughout the year.

At Emanuel This Week

Day	Event
Sunday	September 25--15th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Stewardship Focus continues</i>
9:30 AM	Sunday School
9:30 AM	Word & Sacrament—Contemporary Service
5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
8:00 PM	AA Meeting Downstairs
Monday	September 26
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
2:00 PM	Olan Mills—Make Up Day for Directory Pictures
Tuesday	September 27
8:00 PM	AA Meeting Downstairs
Wednesday	September 28
9:00 AM	Men's Coffee & Conversation
11:00 AM	Prayer Group
6:00 PM	Grace Notes
7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	September 29
8:00 PM	AA Meeting Downstairs

Upcoming Events

Day	Event
Sunday	October 2--16th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Stewardship Focus continues</i>
9:30 AM	Sunday School
9:30 AM	Word & Sacrament—Traditional Service
5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
8:00 PM	AA Meeting Downstairs

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



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THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birth of **Elijah Frederic Verduin**, grandson of Don & Shari Verduin.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered to the glory of God in loving memory of Bea Leafstrand, great-aunt of Tambreia Sumner.

Parish members in need: Mary Gwen Barrington, Ken Haus, Ardith Johnson, Max Kline, Keila Lankton, Walt Leinberger, Marian Rogan, Jan Serrell, Vernice Walker, Kay Williams.

Friends in need: Celeste Balogh, Serena Beaver, Dietrich Bidwell, Maynard Bidwell, Alex Branch, Janet Glinsky, John Hemmer, John Hunt, John Killabrew, Karen Klegon, Susan Knowlton, Karl & Lee Landgrebe, Karen Lock, Bob Montgomery, Anna Nappo, Dick Nelson, Norma Pross, Carrie Smith Roe, Dale Swanson, Jack Thomas.

Pray for those at home: Pat Aden, Marguerite Anderson, Robert & Helen Bahr, Leah Cutler, Loraine Emms, Charles Goff, Charles & Betty Hargreaves, Clara Johnson, Wilma Keson, Bruce & Helen Nelson, John & Lorraine Quinn, Evelyn Rohmoser, Jonah Schmidt, 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, James Boomgaard, II; Army - Tad Reed, Ezra Swan, Dale Wheeler, Christian Boomgaard; *National Guard* - Jeremy Horstman, Jordan Martz; *Air Force* - Scott Mosley

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 Hope Lutheran Church in Rhodes, Michigan and Pastor Reed Schroer.



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.*

Congratulations and Welcome!



The Emanuel parish family is proud to announce the birth of **Elijah Frederic Verduin**, son of Tim & Talia Verduin of New York City, and little brother of Zoe, who was born on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. Elijah is the grandson of Don & Shari Verduin. **Welcome Elijah!**

Dear church family,
We want to thank everyone for your prayers and support during Walt's hospital stay and recovery. We are very grateful for all of your cards, phone calls and offers of help. Also, Pastor Jim's visit and prayer before surgery were greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, caring congregation.



—Walt and Jan Leinberger



Community Table Tuesday, October 4th at Community Church

Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. We also need people to donate cakes or cupcakes. A sign-up sheet is posted in Luther Hall.

Join in this community-wide event and experience the joy of serving others.

Fall Luncheon Meeting for LSSM

(Lutheran Social Services of Michigan)

October 6, 2011

from 10 am to 2 pm at

Victory Trinity Lutheran Church

3208 W Victory Drive, Ludington

Please RSVP by October 1st to

Phyllis Thompson, 231-757-4332 or rpthmp@gmail.com

Make \$5 check payable to : Victory Trinity Lutheran Church and mail to above address or pay at the door.



SILENT AUCTION HELP NEEDED: Do you have experience working at a silent auction? Are you willing to help our committee coordinate the Emanuel Silent Auction on December 18? We are looking for creative, talented people to make our auction successful. Please call the parish office, 843-3686, to volunteer your time.



This Sunday: September 25, 2011
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Contemporary Service)

Altar Guild:	Jim & Jenny Grey
Altar Servers:	*L Rogers, B Dixon, D Samuel
Coffee Hour:	Ken & Cathy Iteen
Greeters:	Volunteers
Lector:	Bill or Anna Anderson
Offering Counters:	Joyce Usiak, Jerry Welton
Offering Teller:	Margaret Hayes
Usher Captains:	W. & S. Millspaugh, Andy Nelson
Taper:	Linda Ochs

Next Sunday: October 2, 2011
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Traditional Service)

Acolytes:	Abby Millspaugh, Emily Millspaugh
Altar Guild:	Terri Boomgaard, Carolyn Fitch
Altar Servers:	*Sandy Nelson, Jenny & Jim Grey
Bible Bearer:	Madisyn Brockelbank
Coffee Hour:	Dede Samuel
Crucifer:	Hayley Brockelbank
Greeters:	Bill & Anna Anderson
Lector:	Hjordis Rivet
Offering Counters:	Jeanne Kagey, Sandy Nelson
Offering Teller:	Larry Rees
Usher Captains:	K & J Haus, G & D Shank
Taper:	Dick Falk

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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