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2011

News Notes

CELEBRATING OUR FIFTIETH YEAR OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN BETHESDA

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CAR WASH Every Sunday in August

The youth will set aside and mark three or four parking spaces in the lower parking lot for those who would like to have their car washed. They will wash those cars after the 10 am worship service during the Fellowship Hour. The youth are asking for donations for washing the cars. These funds will go toward the new furniture in the new Youth Area.

Just park your car in one of the designated areas and your car will be washed.

Membership Committee Needs Your Help

As Pastor Lookingbill suggests in this month's column, we are all involved in membership and welcoming guests to our church. Please try to go out of your way this summer and make the extra effort to welcome people you think may be visiting. It is just fine if they turn out they are already members, you will meet new friends. With one service this summer we hope that you will meet and greet everyone. We are in this together and are part of a wonderful congregation.

Assistance Needed: Drop me a line if you can help with any of these:

- Serve as a Greeter
- Drive members and guests to services
- Provide soup or help clean up at one of our Soup & Samwich Events
- Ideas for spreading the word about our wonderful congregation—the committee can use members and ideas.

Membership Committee Chair
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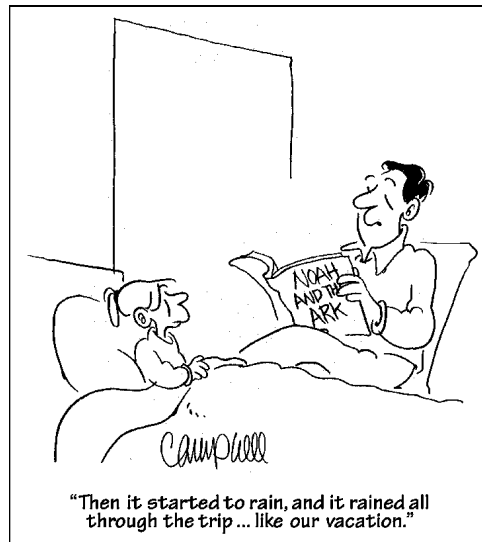
Sneakers and Squeakers On Summer Break

School is out and families are all over the place. For that reason, the activity group for the youngsters is on summer break. It will resume its monthly events in September.

Do you have an idea for an interesting event? We've gone to movies and theaters, we've baked cookies, we've played games. All sorts of things are possible. If you know of another activity that might be fun, let Pastor Lewis know. All suggestions are welcome.

How we stand (as of May 31)

	budgeted	actual
Income	\$276,833.39	275,951.12
Expenditure	<u>276,834.25</u>	<u>257,218.26</u>
Difference	(0.86)	18,732.86



WORSHIP SUMMER SCHEDULE

Services at 10:00 a.m.
Social hour to follow.

Pastor Lookingbill ponders a welcome



Dear Friends,

What do people look for when they visit a new Church? I think it's safe to say: Everything! They want to take in the atmosphere of the place new to them. What is the setting of the Church, how is the parking arranged (if there is parking) and is there easy access for the disabled? How thoughtful has the congregation been in planning the meeting place?

Once a guest has parked the car, are there signs to direct them to the worship area and Sunday School for their children? Will someone in the parking lot notice that they've hesitated, just a little, and encourage them to follow along to the Sanctuary? Is there a nursery for small children and is someone there to welcome them too? Upon entering the Narthex, will there be a welcome hand to greet them, offer a Sunday bulletin and answer any questions? Is the Sanctuary prepared for worship? Will there be a choir today?

Are you sensing the fantastic number of times in a single visit that a welcoming opportunity is presenting itself? Of course there's the rest of the experience that also bears upon the visit and gauging how guests feel about the Church: the Pastor, liturgy and hymns (singable?), the congregational participation within the service – the Psalm led by the acolyte – and the padded seats! But the most impressive events that a guest at Church will remember are the times that a member has welcomed them.

Summer is a great time to visit churches and most new arrivals in our community who are interested in Church will show up some Sunday or two this year too. It's a time when families are thinking about where their children might go to Sunday School, or where their youth might commit to a Confirmation program. There are so many competing events in our community for family time that choosing a Church is both essential to a busy family and done on the basis of a few visits. It's clear that those first impressions are very important to a guest who arrives with eyes wide open to see the wealth of opportunity in this community.

It really is a wealthy community in which we live, not the homes and golf courses, but the wealth of experience that members of our congregation share. We are a congregation of educated, traveled and exciting personalities. There are a variety of opinions on any subject, with good arguments to hear in the Adult Forums and education groups. Beyond the Bible and our Lutheran heritage of liturgy and hymns, there is the practical application of our Christian faith in active lives of service. Our members who live at or volunteer at the National Lutheran Home witness to our diverse and caring community.

Of course, the first time guest at Emmanuel will not be able to hear any of this unless they are greeted and welcomed as

they arrive. That's a work of the whole congregation. When folks ask about the food bags at the entrance of the Narthex, what's it for, the answer is our concern for the children and families in the summer that don't have school lunch. When folks ask about the youth and Pr. Lewis and why they're in Neon, KY this summer, it's because of the Synod program to help those in the poorest area of the eastern states with their homes and living standards. When folks ask why we have so many people on our prayer list for Sunday worship, it's because we know and pray for those in distress. They will know all this when a member of the congregation explains it.

It's a marvelous thing to be welcomed into a community of faith that shares the exuberance of a living witness to our Lord Jesus. We must be the means of welcome and reach out a hand and speak the words our Lord has taught us: Peace be with you.

In Christ's Service,

Jan P. Lookingbill, Pastor

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUMMER AT 10 A.M.

Beginning on 3 July and continuing through Labor Day weekend, we will again gather for summer worship at a single service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Bringing together all our summer congregation at one time is a way of meeting members we otherwise might not see who attend the "other" service during the rest of the year. It's a way of improving our singing too, with more voices to listen to. This is also a great time to invite people to join us who may be looking for a new Church, especially those recently arriving in the area. The coffee and tea fellowship will be arranged in the Narthex so that it will be easy to meet and welcome both new and old friends after the summer service. Even if you think the person "might" be a member, but you're not sure, introduce yourself and begin a new friendship. It must be true that people enjoy coming to Church when they see friends and find a friendly reception.

People you don't immediately recognize at Church are waiting to see if you are coming to speak with them. Of course, please invite guests to consider Emmanuel a place that could be their Church home.

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Summer Choir

For those who love to sing but may not have time for mid-week rehearsals, the Summer Choir is just for you! Rehearsal will be on Sunday morning at 9:15 AM and you do not have to sign up in advance. Come when you can! Led by Dingwall Fleary, the choir will learn a new song each week, present it during the worship service and accompany the congregation on the hymns. Come let us sing a new song unto the Lord!

Special Music

Calling all instrumentalists! The summer worship service will be enhanced by music from our very talented in-house instrumentalists as they provide the prelude, offertory or postlude music. Soloists, duets, trios and more are welcome to share their talents with the congregation and in praise to the Lord. Please see Dingwall Fleary to arrange for a date that is convenient to you.

Summer Fellowship Hour

One of the highlights of last summer's one-service format was the opportunity to have a relaxed fellowship hour in the Narthex and the beautiful courtyard. Coffee and pastries will be provided, but the best part will be the chance to meet other members of Emmanuel that you may only see in passing between services, greet old friends, and chat with the pastors.



Bowling at Bowlmor in Bethesda

August 10, Wednesday, 1 pm – 3 pm

Let's beat the heat by gathering to bowl at the Bowlmor lanes in Bethesda located at 5353 Westbard Ave. This is a youth and family event, so everyone is invited. Pastor Lewis will buy nachos. Children 12 and under should have an adult with them. Look for Pastor Lewis near the main doors in the center of the bowling center.

Why don't they.....?

Nothing ever seems to go quite the way we expect or think it should. Maybe, if I let someone know that there's another way of doing something, it might go a little better. These sorts of ideas were the inspiration of several people and it has resulted in:

THE SUGGESTION BOX

If you have any suggestions for our 50th anniversary year or for our church life in general, please drop a little note in the box. Suggestions will be reviewed by the Church Council and acted upon if they agree. You don't have to identify yourself unless you want to. Your comments can be constructive criticism, things we are doing right, or something new that you think would enhance our worship service or our mission here at Emmanuel.

Check for the suggestion box in the narthex. Submissions welcome!

[Many thanks to those who have had a hand in establishing this means of communicating with the local powers that be: Jan Phillips for the idea, Frank Hopkins for construction of the box, and to Jessie Mann, a local artist and friend of Jan's who decorated it so beautifully.]

Family and Youth Splash Day

July 23, Saturday, 11 am – 2 pm

We will gather at the Bohrer Water Park in Gaithersburg Bohrer Park located at 512 S. Frederick Ave. (Route 355) The cost is \$5.50 for children and youth 17 years old and under, \$7.25 for adults, \$6 for those 55 years old and older. You can also get a "putt-n-pool" pass for \$9.75 which allows access to the pool and a game of mini-golf at the course beside the pool.

There is a "kiddie" pool and two giant slides, so there is something to do for everyone.

Sandwich makings and cold water will be provided. Please bring something to share such as some sodas, chips, or veggies.

Pastor Lewis will set up in the area to the right as you look at the pool from the entrance.

For more information contact Pastor Lewis.

From the Council President:

"It's summer time, and the livin' is easy." Those song lyrics from the past, in a sense, describe life at Emmanuel. We carry on with our church activities, but at a somewhat slower pace. We go from what were three services on Sundays (with the advent of the new service during the Sunday School hour), to one service at 10:00 AM. The number of meetings and activities held in the church building during the week is greatly reduced. Summer is a time for vacationing and rejuvenating ourselves to be better able to face the challenges of the rest of the year.

From the business perspective of the church, this summer slow-down generally results in reduced giving. While this is a rather normal occurrence and we account for it in the budget, we often times must dip into our reserves in order to meet our regular expenses. This year we find ourselves in the enviable position of being on budget (our expenses and our income is equal) through the end of May. This situation is an improved position over where we have found ourselves in the recent past.

We need to view this good financial position in a tempered way, however. With summer time upon us and with a new rental agreement in place with the Walden Montessori Academy, our income may be somewhat less in the second half of the year.

I wish for you a happy, healthy, safe and relaxing summer. And, during this summer time, it is my hope that you will continue your support of our mission here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

In His service,

Brad E. Fackler
Council President

From the Treasurer:

I hope this note finds everyone healthy, and ready for the summer months ahead. I am honored to have taken on the role as Emmanuel's Treasurer. We would be remiss if we did not thank Tim Hando for his years of service and outstanding job in serving as Emmanuel's Treasurer these past few years. He has streamlined many of the operations behind the scenes, and leveraged Katherine and her talents. Please know the transition has been in motion for several months now to ensure it will be smooth.

The summer months ahead are historically a challenging period of time for Emmanuel from a financial perspective. Several reasons contribute to this, including attendance dropping as a result of no Sunday School and family vacations. Bills continue despite this recession in weekly offerings and we always dig deep into our reserves. We ask that you continue to think of Emmanuel as we head into these summer months. Our monthly bills continue unabated.

Cameron Groves, Treasurer

50th Anniversary ARTISTS OF EMMANUEL EXHIBIT

MID SEPTEMBER 2011

We'd like to have a show of ALL the varied talents that are here at Emmanuel—photography, painting, print making, sculpture, etc. —to commemorate our fifty years in Bethesda. Please let us hang one or two of your works in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Carol Vorosmarti (301-340-7326) if you would like to participate. (More details will be available later in the summer.)

Emmanuel Sunday School

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers for our 2011-2012 Sunday School year. Anyone interested in teaching, please contact Kristi Johnson 301-897-5631.

Experience is helpful but we will have training. We are also flexible and will work out part time teaching, team teaching in order to use your talents appropriately. Please consider offering your time and energy to teach our young people.

MANNA FOOD COLLECTION

LET'S GIVE 50 POUNDS OF FOOD A WEEK TO
CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

Many of our area students in schools qualify for free or reduced-price meals (FARMS) at school. So who feeds these kids breakfast and lunch during the summer? There's not much room in their parents' budgets for extra food expenses. So, their families turn to places like the MANNA Food Center to make up the difference. Not surprisingly, MANNA gets its highest demand during June, July, and August.

That means it's time for churches like Emmanuel to step in and keep MANNA's shelves full. For that reason, we keep collecting food in the narthex on every Sunday. We make periodic deliveries to MANNA during the summer - to keep low-income county kids (and low-income folks generally) fed.

Care to help? Please bring some items from the list below to church with you this summer as part of your offering.

MANNA especially needs:

Breakfast Cereal	Rice – Beans - Pasta
Canned Meats/Tuna Fish	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruit and Vegetables	Shelf-Stable Milk
Baby Formula/Baby Food	Peanut Butter

Hints and Helps from the Parish Nurse

July brings sunshine, picnics, pool parties, and the council retreat. To help with planning, the Health Ministry committee is interested to know what you would like to see at Emmanuel, related to health and wellness, in the upcoming year. Please submit ideas to Anna Roberts at 301-765-0285 or aroberts@elcbethesda.org (if possible, before the July 9 council retreat).

Providing a service outside the walls of Emmanuel:

The Health Ministry committee is interested in establishing a Friendly Visitor program. We have a number of members who are in skilled nursing facilities or are homebound. The presence of visitors provides these individuals with support and knowledge that we care about them. A brief visit is a bright spot in their day! No experience is required - If you like to sit and chat, read poetry/short articles aloud, play cards, or sit quietly and provide comfort you qualify. Scheduling is extremely flexible. One hour a month of your time would be most welcome! Please contact Anna Roberts through the church office or 301-765-0285, aroberts@elcbethesda.org if interested.

Focus on Fruits

Eating fruit provides health benefits! We are entering the season of fresh local blueberries, strawberries, peaches... Visit your local farmer's market to get the freshest assortment. Local vendors at Potomac Methodist Church every Thursday from 2-6; City of Rockville has market every Saturday morning 9-1 and Wednesday 11-2; Bethesda Central Farm Market Sunday's 9-1.

Some tips:

- o Keep a bowl of whole fruit on counter, table, as visible reminder to eat fruit
- Be a good role model for children by eating fruit every day with meals or as a snack
- Keep fruits safe by rubbing briskly under clean, running water before eating



The floods, tornados, fires, and other disasters afflicting various parts of the country have caused the Presiding Bishop, Mark Hanson, to write to the Church. A portion of his letter is quoted below.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ....

These are our commitments as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

We will pray. Pray with me that those affected may have the strength and courage they need to face these difficult days.

We will stand together, roll up our sleeves and work with partners to rebuild lives and restore hope. In Alabama, we are already at work with the Mennonites and the Christian Reformed Church in a rapid rebuilding project. Elsewhere, partnerships are unfolding with the United Methodist Church and others to coordinate volunteers to repair and rebuild homes and lives in the months and years to come. Working together we can achieve more on a scale and scope than we could ever achieve alone.

We will give generously. We are already organizing volunteer opportunities in response to the unmet needs of these communities. To support our efforts, please give now to ELCA Disaster Response. Your gift designated to Severe Spring Storms will be used in full -- 100 percent -- for the people and communities deeply affected by these storms.

We will stay until the work is done. One of our strengths as Lutherans is our practice of sustained response after a natural disaster, built on local networks of congregations and social ministries. Central States Synod Bishop Gerald Mansholt compared our work to long-distance running. ELCA Disaster Response was one of the first to arrive in Missouri and Alabama, and they will be the last to leave. Even as we begin this journey, our work continues on the Gulf Coast and in Haiti.

We will witness to our living faith in Christ Jesus as we join together to do God's work with our hands.

In all these things, I give thanks for each of you. May we be about God's healing and restoration in a time of despair. May we bring God's message of hope in the wake of spring storms.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

JULY AND AUGUST CALENDAR 10:00 AM SERVICE

July

Sunday, 4 July - Happy 4th of July
10:00 a.m. Service of the Word
Commissioning of Youth attending Chi-Rho Work Camp
Ushers: David Curry and Dennis Quicker

Tuesday, 5 July Office closed

Saturday, 9 July
Church Council Retreat

Sunday, 10 July
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
Youth depart for Chi-Rho Work Camp
Ushers: Oliver and Kurt Moss

Sunday, 17 July
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
Ushers: Moe and Julie Lewis

Sunday, 24 July
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Ushers: Mark Olson and Renee Korda

Sunday, 31 July 2011
Holy Communion
Ushers: Larry Ries and Kevin Adams

August

Sunday, 7 August
10:00 a.m. Service of the Word
Ushers: Wendy Stellakis and Marla Davis

Sunday, 14 August
10:00 a.m. Service of the Word
Ushers: Thomas and Jessica Botsford

Sunday, 21 August
10:00 a.m. Service of the Word
Ushers: Frances Ogg and Mae Scanlan

Sunday, 28 August
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Ushers: Brad and Linda Fackler

September

Sunday, 5 September
10:00 a.m. Service of the Word
Ushers: Doug Hackett and Mike Dixon

Hope springs eternal

Soon we come to days of heat and misery.
Oppressive air and relentless sun,
Drought and sere grass are all that reminds us
Of gentle breezes and soft morning dew.

Can this be all that we are granted?
A desiccated landscape that causes us to weep,
A land that cannot find a cooling shower
Or soft air or blue sky?

What pessimism, what sorrowful mien,
What lack of hope and trust this is!
Of course, the weather will break.
There will be gentle rains and green things
Will once again appear.

Remember what comes with the fall—
Lots of ragweed and pollen for all.

Summer

The old swimming hole.
A tire swing in the back yard.
A worm on a hook attached to a bobber
And a fish that might come along.

Long days of endless time
Not endless, really, but without limit,
Full of the promise of idle, pleasurable occupation
Whose only duty is to see galleons in the clouds
Or to plan and execute an exciting raid
With one's fellow adventurers upon
A neighbor's apple tree.

Days of childhood remembered in old age
Seem idyllic and without care.
Were they?
Old age can't seem to remember.

Fun and Games in Washington

St. Paul was one to put things bluntly, sometimes.
When children we acted as children, but now as
Adults, we should act as adults.
Sometimes that takes all the fun out of it.
We should emulate our betters, it is said.
Our betters?
Who are they?
Better we should emulate the innocent child.
Come to think of it, Jesus said that, too.

MAJOR MILESTONES ALONG THE WAY.....

High School Graduates

Cole Ahnell graduated from Walter Johnson High School and will be attending Dickerson College in Carlisle, PA. Cole is also planning to play football for Dickerson.

Helene Benz graduated from Whitman High School and will be attending Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA

Tom Christakis graduated from Walter Johnson High School and will be attending Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY to study engineering.

James Hastings graduated from Whitman High School and will be attending Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA.

Cole Hendrigan graduated from Whitman High School and will be attending Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC to study marine science.

Evelyn Lewis graduated from Damascus High School and will be attending Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA to study marine biology.

Krista Quicker graduated from Churchill High School and will be attending William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA to study marketing. Krista is also planning to play soccer for W&M.

Peter Murtland graduated from Churchill High School and will be attending Susquehanna University to study business.

Ethan Neslund graduated from East High School in Anchorage, AK and will be attending Pennsylvania State University to study Architectural Engineering.

Erik Schluntz graduated from The Potomac School and will be attending Harvard University to study Engineering.

Caleb Thronson earned a GED and is currently working for Vans Customs as a Stock Manager.

Andrew Weinstein graduated from Whitman High School and will be attending Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA to study engineering.

E. J. White graduated from Westminster High School in Westminster, MD and will be attending the Robert L. Smith School of Business at University of Maryland, College Park.

College Graduates

Kurt Moss graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a Bachelor degree in French and Spanish and has begun working for Macy's and is currently in Macy's Executive Training Program.

Byron Neslund graduated from New York University with a Bachelor degree.

Laura Pritchard graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a Bachelor degree.

Charlotte Rizzi graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Developmental Studies. She will begin working for Ashoka, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C.

Jana Ross graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications.

Nora Vogel graduated from Wellesley College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environment Studies and will be working for Climate Nexus, a non-profit organization in New York, NY.



Parish Vital Records

Birth

Sasha Claire on 31 May 2011 to Vivian and Jeffrey Kuhn
(grandmother Doris Moss)

Deaths

Silvia Burmeister, died 18 May 2011 wife of Harold, mother of Andrea and Christina

Louise Hansen, died 7 June 2011, aunt of Gary Beane

Weddings

Brian McLaughlin and *Elizabeth Beardall* on 16 April 2011 at Tidewater Inn, Easton, Maryland

Stephen Rodini and *Andraleigh Nenstiel* on 30 April in Baltimore, Maryland

Paul Vincent Serino and *Amanda Beth Martin* on 4 June 2011 at Woodland Mansion, Chevy Chase, MD

New Members (Confirmation)

Annika Cowles

Heather Lundberg

Katie Schluntz

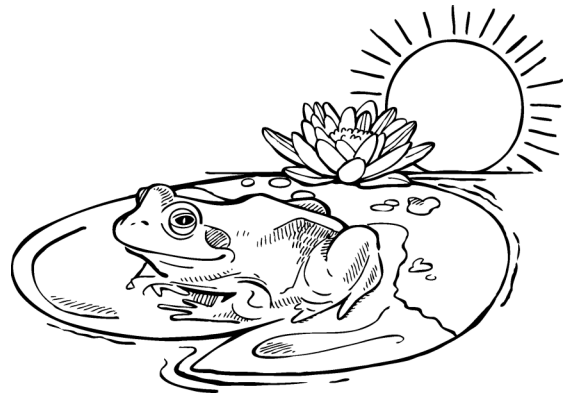
Matthew Weinstein

Departures

Jane and *Stephen Reed* have joined a Lutheran Church in Ashburn, Virginia

Lyndsey Thornett has joined St. Paul's Lutheran Church in D.C.

Garry and *Jean Pammer* are moving to Hawaii



A fable of sorts

Once upon a time there was a frog who lived in a very small pond. His neighbors were two goldfish and five tadpoles. He wasn't sure where the goldfish came from and he was certain that he had no idea where the tadpoles came from, but the eight of them swam around the little pond enjoying the occasional insect that came near them.

One day, a very long-legged bird stopped by the pond and dined with apparent relish upon the two goldfish. Now the frog and the tadpoles had a few more insects because they didn't have to share with the fish. The frog decided that these were better conditions and he was happy.

The tadpoles gradually grew and, in time, grew legs and lost their tails. Now there were six frogs in the pond. The original frog was still the biggest and being the biggest frog in a small pond suited him just fine.

One day, the very long-legged bird returned to the pond and looked to see if there were any new fish. He was out of luck, but a dinner of frog legs seemed quite attractive and he snacked on three of the little frogs and then snapped at the big frog, only to miss. The big frog was quite relieved when the bird left without eating him and the remaining two little frogs felt much the same way.

Days passed and the frogs continued to eat mosquitoes, flies and the occasional moth and the little frogs were no longer so little. The big frog was no longer the biggest frog in his small kingdom and he resented the other frogs. They didn't feel any too happy with him either and soon their arguing could be heard all over the neighborhood.

After a while, the long-legged bird came by again. This time there was no doubt, frog legs were on his menu. The bird left with his appetite appeased and there were no frogs left in the pond. Now there were more mosquitoes in the area and only the bats who lived in a chimney nearby were happy.

Moral: You can please some of the people most of the time and some of the people all of the time, but if you become dinner, it's unlikely that you'll be happy.

Pastor Lewis Considers..... birds



I was out working in my yard the other day when a mockingbird perched on the side patio wall and starting yelling quite loudly at me. I was not sure what all the fuss was about until I moved away for a moment. The bird immediately flew up into the tree beside the patio and resumed its lecturing of me. I had not realized that she had made a home in the tree and most likely had a few eggs there that she was protecting.

As she continued to yell at me, I tried to explain that I was the good guy. It was me, after all, who had put up the nearby bird feeder. Why could she not understand that I was there to protect her and provide for her, not hurt her?

When I finally went inside, finished with my chores and wondering how to keep the mockingbird from making all that noise at me, I remembered the old story about a farmer who tried to help some freezing sparrows by luring them into his warm barn in the midst of a snowstorm. But the birds were too afraid, not understanding that this huge, alien creature was actually trying to help. Rather than accepting his help, the sparrows flew away and died in the storm. When the farmer found the bodies of the poor little sparrows, he thought to himself, "I wish I could have become a sparrow and show them to safety so they could live." It was at this point that the farmer understood Jesus. God had tried to communicate God's love for us in so many ways, but we humans, seeing God as this huge, alien creature, simply could not grasp God's love and care for us. So God became one of us in the person of Jesus, so that he could communicate with us directly, to show us what God's love looks like.

God is still trying to communicate God's love for us in so many ways, but like those sparrows and the mockingbird in my backyard, we humans often do not see how God is working to care for and protect us. We, too, run away and do things that are destructive to ourselves and to others. But when we look to Jesus, God in human form, we can see more clearly the depths of God's love. Are you not of more value than those sparrows and mockingbirds? The answer is a loud and resounding "Yes," and we see it in the God who loves us enough not only to provide all that we need, but who was willing to die on our behalf. God became human so that Jesus could save us and give us eternal life. So may you see today all the ways that God is trying to communicate God's love and care for you.

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ~ Matthew 6:26

PAX,

Pastor Robert Lewis +

Outdoor Movie Festival: *The Blind Side*

August 13, Friday, 7:30 – 10 pm
On the grounds of the Universities at Shady Grove
Benefits NIH Children's Charities

We will gather to watch the movie *The Blind Side* at the Rockville Outdoor Movie Festival located at the Universities at Shady Grove. The parking and movie are free. Food vendors will be there. Bring your blankets and low beach chairs. All food purchases benefit the NIH Children's Charities.

We will meet near the right side of the screen between 7:30 to 7:50 pm to find a place to sit together. Look for Pastor Lewis in his orange shirt and hat.

The Blind Side, as an entertaining, moving, and inspiring film. You get a sweet and sharp Christian woman who sees the excesses in her life and wants to give more; a mother who changes the life of one man and the lives of everyone in her family.

This is an Oscar winning film about a Christian woman who saw someone who needed help and did what she could.

Picnic in the Park at Six Flags America

August 20, Saturday, 10 am

We are heading to Six Flags for a family outing and a day of fun with a picnic. Since this is a family outing, everyone of all ages are invited.

Group price for a ticket which includes all rides, the water park, and a buffet picnic lunch is \$39. **Must have check to Pastor Lewis no later than 4 pm on August 2 to be able to join us for the group rate and picnic.**

The picnic is **All-You-Care-To-Eat**, with the menu being: BBQ Beef Brisket, Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Ice Cream Novelties and Assorted Coca Cola beverages. Meal time is from 1 – 2 pm.

When you register to go you will have the option of carpooling/caravanning from Emmanuel or meeting us at the park. For those of us carpooling and caravanning we will leave the church at 9:15 am.

Youth and Family Calendar

July 3, Sunday, 10 am

Commissioning of Chi Rho Participants

Emmanuel is sending six youth and one adult to Neon, Kentucky to do mission work. Neon is located in the poorest county east of the Mississippi. Please keep those going to mission work and the community of Neon in your prayers.

July 10 – 17

Chi Rho Mission Trip and Work Camp

July 23, Saturday, 11 am – 2 pm

Family Splash Day

Join Pastor Lewis as we gather at the Bohrer Water Park in Gaithersburg Bohrer Park located at 512 S Frederick Ave. Cost is \$5.50 for children and youth 17 years old and under, \$7.25 for adults, \$6 for those 55 years old and older. You can also get a “putt-n-pool” pass for \$9.75 which allows access to the pool and a game of mini-golf at the course beside the pool. We’ll have sandwich makings and cold water. If you would like to bring something to go with the sandwiches, please do so. There is more information elsewhere in this issue.

August 7, 14, 21 & 28, Sundays in August

Car Wash

In August we will mark 3 or 4 special parking spots in the lower parking lot as “Car Wash Spots.” If you park your car in one of those spots, the youth will wash your car after the 10 am worship service, during the Fellowship Hour. We ask for a donation to go toward the cost of the new furniture in the new Youth Area. See elsewhere in this issue for more information.

August 2, Tuesday, 4 pm

Deadline for Group Ticket purchases for “Picnic in the Park” at Six Flags America. See August 20 for more information about “Picnic in the Park.”

August 5, Friday, 12 noon

Youth Movie Outing – *Rise of the Planet of Apes*

Join Pastor Lewis as we get together to watch this “revamping” of a Sci-Fi classic series on opening day. The original *Planet of the Apes* created the genre of alternative future as a sub-genre of Sci-Fi films and opened up the doors for the future award winning director Franklin J. Schaffner. Will this new take on a classic launch someone or something?

August 10, Wednesday, 1 pm

Bowling at Bowlmor in Bethesda

This is a youth and family event, so everyone is invited. Will will gathering to bowl at the Bowlmor lanes in Bethesda located at 5353 Westbard Ave. Pastor Lewis will buy nachos. Look for Pastor Lewis near the main doors in the center of the bowling center. See elsewhere in this issue for more information.

August 13, Friday, 7:30 – 10 pm

Outdoor Movie Festival – *The Blind Side*

We will gather to watch the movie *The Blind Side* at the Rockville Outdoor movie festival located at the Universities at

Shady Grove. The parking and movie are free. Food vendors will be there. Bring your blankets and low beach chairs. We will meet near the right side of the screen between 7:30 to 7:50 pm to find a place to sit together. Look for Pastor Lewis in his orange shirt and hat.

August 19, Friday, 12 noon

Youth Movie Outing – *Conan the Barbarian*

Join Pastor Lewis as we get together to watch this “revamping” of a fantasy classic series on opening day. The original movies in the 1980s are what launched the career of Arnold Schwarzenegger. Whose career will it launch this time?

August 20, Saturday, 10 am

Picnic in the Park at Six Flags America

We are heading to Six Flags for a day of fun and a picnic. This is a family outing for all ages. Group price for a ticket which includes all rides, the water park, and a buffet picnic lunch is \$39. Must have check to Pastor Lewis no later than 4 pm on August 4 to be able to join us for the group rate and picnic. More information on page 9.

INTERFAITH ADVENTURE IN ISRAEL 24 OCTOBER – 8 NOVEMBER

Pr. Lookingbill and Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Cahan invite you to join them next October on an Interfaith tour of Israel. We leave the United States after the Jewish High Holy Days when it is cooler and spend 16 days in the Holy Land. The special nature of this trip is that both a Rabbi well acquainted with the Land of Israel and a Lutheran Pastor will guide the group to both Christian and Jewish religious sites, associating them to Biblical events and Biblical passages. What we share will be unique and awesome as history comes alive and the Bible is illustrated with each day’s visits and conversations.

When I have spoken with friends who have visited the Holy Land, they report that this has been the visit of their lives when the Bible comes alive. Here is a Roman road where Jesus and his disciples walked in Jerusalem. Here is the house where Peter and his family welcomed Jesus in Capernaum. Here is the Garden where Jesus and his disciples slept and where Judas arrived by torch light.

This is a unique opportunity to visit a country that has both historical and present day fascinations. The history of Jews, Palestinians, Christians and Moslems is all gathered in this one land. The archeology that continues to unveil this history in Israel is full of surprises. This is the land where the Dead Sea Scrolls revealed new insight into religious practices and conflicts. This is the place where Herod built his defense fortifications as well as the Temple which was the largest place of worship in the ancient world.

There’s much more and you are invited to request or pick up a brochure at Emmanuel that details the whole trip. The intention that Rabbi Cahan and I have is that the group be roughly equal in Jews and Christians so that our daily travel will continue the dialogue we have as people of the Book. If you have questions and have friends and family interested in joining us, please let Pr. Lookingbill know. There will be meetings of all those interested



As you've noticed over the years, I have had a good time finding musical quotes to precede this column. For issues recently I chose to add a bit of humor by quoting totally non-churchy, and certainly unscholarly actual answers given on college music exams. Much to my surprise (read, *pleasure!*), the response to them has been remarkably positive. I may include others when I resume in the Fall, but for now, here are five more for your entertainment:

- *A virtuoso is a musician with really high morals.*
- *Contralto is a low sort of music sung only by certain ladies.*
- *Diatonic is a low calorie Schweppes.*
- *A harp is a nude piano that has to be stroked to get any results.*
- *Probably the most marvelous fugue was the one between the Hatfields and the McCoys.*

Joyful Praise, our children's choir, as well as the adult choir have ended their duties until after the summer. Anyone who witnessed the cantata by the youngsters on June 5 will agree it was, simply put, *outstanding!* Congratulations to David, Goliath and the entire cast, and to the supporting musical ensemble of Pam Scheuttler and Sherry Peske Tarr on keyboards, and guitarist, John Drumm, all under the superb and energetic leadership of director, Susan Drumm.

Before the Bell Choir takes its summer break, it will play at the worship service on July 17th.

Sundays during the months of July and August, plan to be part of an "instant choir" which will periodically supply special music during our services. Any week you may be available, simply come to the music room next to the chapel at 9:15 and join us for this experimental endeavor. A selection will be chosen, rehearsed for about 15-20 minutes, then sung during the offering.

I am pleased to announce that an original musical composition has been commissioned for Emmanuel Church's Fiftieth Anniversary. It will be for choirs (including the children), bells, organ and instrumentalists. The composer is another close acquaintance and colleague, David Tiller. Tiller visited with us several times during the year to get a feel for our typical service, the congregation, choirs, the organ, and most importantly, the acoustical environment our sanctuary has. The work will be presented next December 11th.

I again ask your help in identifying prospective individuals to become involved in the music of Emmanuel. New faces, new voices and new hands are needed in order to carry on the rich tradition of music for which Emmanuel is known. As always, I welcome any thoughts or suggestions you may have toward the enrichment of our program. Don't be shy!

Until next time, I am

Faithfully yours,

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Summer is in full swing when the Fourth of July rolls around. There even are folks who insist that fireflies don't emerge until the Fourth—perhaps that makes those few flies that show up in June "unidentified flying objects." Whatever they are, they're fascinating. Before scientists had worked out what makes the flies glow, Ogden Nash said that "he could think of nothing eerier than flying around with an unidentified glow on one's posterior." It doesn't seem to bother the fireflies, they just keep on blinking on and off in pursuit of a mate.



When the weather is cooperative and the humidity is low, it is possible to see stars, even in the competing city glow of Washington. But it is only the really bright stars that stand out around here. That is why some campers come home from their sleep-away excursions with improbable tales of being able to see more stars than there are grains of sand on the beach. The contrast of camp's skies with those of our region makes an impression even on relatively naïve eyes of childhood. Maybe they were seeing fireflies too numerous to count, as well.



This year, for our sins, we begin to observe the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. There will be re-enactments of some of the various battles, commemorative events of one kind or another, bloviating of politicians and would be office holders, and probably the perpetrating of enough historical inaccuracies to keep historians frothing for days. It seems almost sinful to contemplate these celebratory affairs. The war was divisive, destructive, bloody, costly, inhumane, and seemingly never ending. We should give thanks that it is mostly behind us and spend more time honoring the fallen than recreating scenes of carnage.



The All Star game is played in July. How can it be that half the baseball season is already behind us? It is so easy to cheer the Nats when they're playing .500 ball, but when they've only played 10 games or so, winning half of them is a mathematical possibility. By the time the All Star game comes along, the numbers of games are so much higher that even a short winning streak (hey! It's possible!) isn't likely to have much of an effect on their average. The Senators of the fifties, those of the sixties, and the Nats of today seem to have more in common that most of us would like to admit. Are the boys of summer rapidly becoming the chumps of fall? Sigh.



If all the world is a stage and the play is the thing, why aren't we given cue cards?

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