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News Notes

CELEBRATING OUR FIFTIETH YEAR OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN BETHESDA

Joyful Praise Cantata: David and the Giants June 5 at 11 o'clock

The members of Joyful Praise will present their cantata on Sunday, June 5. They will be abetted by several giant members from the Congregation. It promises to be a whopping big event. Come join them.

CHURCH PICNIC June 5, Sunday, Noon Come Celebrate With Us

This is our annual Spring Picnic and we are making it part of Emmanuel's celebration of fifty years of ministry together. We ask each family to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Drinks and the entrée will be provided. We will have a moon bounce for the children. We will also have a "video booth" set up so people can record their favorite memories of their years at Emmanuel as part of our celebration.

SINGLE SERVICE PLANNED FOR JULY AND AUGUST

During the months of July and August, there will be only one service on Sundays at 10 a.m.. This pattern was begun last year and many found it helpful. A social hour in the narthex will follow the service.

Our Fiftieth Year Celebration Cellist Miron Yampolsky Gives a recital on 26 June 2011 at 7 p.m.



Yampolsky, who studied under Mstislav Rostropovich in Moscow, is a frequent soloist on the cello. As an active promoter of the contemporary music for Cello, Mr. Yampolsky was chosen to give a world premiere of Herman Berlinsky's Sinfonia No. 10 for Violoncello and Organ in the Washington Cathedral, later repeated in New York and San Francisco. Mr. Yampolsky is also the recipient of the prestigious Villa Lobos Memorial Medal for his efforts in promoting the composer's music in the USA.

His recital will be preceded at 5:30 p.m. by a **pot-luck dinner in the social hall**. Members of the congregation, neighbors, and interested friends of music are cordially invited to participate.

DATES OF NOTE

- June 5 Joyful Praise cantata "David and the Giants" (page 3)
- June 5 Church picnic
- June 12 Pentecost and confirmation
- June 13 Fun Bunch Lunch, noon
- June 18 Laser Tag (page 10)
- June 19 Fathers' Day
- June 20-24 Vacation Bible School (page)
- June 26 Pot Luck dinner 5:30 p.m.
Cello recital 7 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School and
Family worship at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Lookingbill ponders the church



As the summer begins, Emmanuel concludes some of its regular programs and begins to think about plans for the fall. Before we begin our single worship service at 10 a.m. in July, we will celebrate Confirmation for four of our youth who are being “sent” into the world with a rudimentary knowledge of our faith and tradition. This practice of Confirmation in the Lutheran Church is a response to infant Baptism: While we know that God’s gift of Baptism is a free gift, requiring nothing of us, we also want to know more about God’s plan for salvation. Therefore, we spend two years of Bible study and reading Luther’s Small Catechism to help us prepare for being “sent” into the world.

This year we welcome into adult membership through Confirmation four of our youth: Annika Cowles, Heather Lundberg, Katie Schluntz and Matthew Weinstein. These four young people will celebrate their Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, 12 June at the late service. When Peter and the disciples gathered together for Pentecost that festival after the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended upon them, with “tongues of fire” to speak about the marvelous things that God has done through Jesus. Our young people are also praying for that Spirit as they are “sent” into the world that also needs to hear the language of God’s love. As their mentors and experienced guides, we in the congregation are both proud of the faith commitment each confirmand is making and also aware of the continuing support they need from us as they grow in faith and wisdom.

The Church Council will convene this summer with a new President, Brad Fackler. We also welcome a new Treasurer, Cameron Groves to a steady band of officers and Council that have been working to guide Emmanuel in ministry and mission. There are challenges to face this year with the Church budget and Walden School. We are looking forward to the continuing celebration of our 50th Anniversary of Emmanuel, to be concluded in December with a new musical composition and a banquet. We are looking forward to welcoming back more of our sons and daughters in the ministry to preach and remind us that our ministry here in Bethesda actually extends far beyond our neighborhoods. Brad is looking forward to the summer Council Retreat on 9 July to promote our planning for the Anniversary on 11 December and through the next phase of our life together.

On 5 June as the Joyful Praise Choir presents their Cantata, the congregation is also invited to share a Church picnic after worship. Our children, under the direction of Susie Drumm, prepare and present wonderful and creative expressions of the faith of the Church. While the children remind us of David and

the Giants, we can demonstrate our support for them as they face the “giants” in their lives. It is by faith that all of us are able to live and grow, celebrate and plan together for a life that is blessed by our Lord. The picnic is just another way to enjoy the spring weather, good food and the fellowship that forms the community of faith here at Emmanuel as we move into the summertime. The Cantata is a special way to enjoy the enthusiasm of our young singers.

Churches have “life cycles” in the same way that families have life cycles. Emmanuel seems to be in that part of our life cycle when the Pastor is doing more Memorial Services than Baptisms, more hospital visits than weddings. We are still a vibrant congregation with members around the world, traveling, working, learning and sharing the faith that has been nurtured here in Bethesda. We are still listening to our children sing on Sundays, our youth are in leading worship roles and our young families are balancing work and home life with Church and Christian Education. We are still a welcoming community of faith for those who are searching for a Church home and compassionate friends in Christ. We are looking toward the summer as a time of planning for the Council and refreshment for the congregation as we enjoy our life in Christ together. Bring your friends to Church with you this summer to be reminded of our common call to share the Good News.

10 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL IN JUNE

Chapel Worship at 10 a.m. Sundays is designed for the Sunday School students, families, teachers and folks wanting a more relaxed and informal worship experience. The opening of the worship is with a song and prayer, continuing with the reading of a Psalm and a lesson. Questions and discussion are encouraged in this Chapel experience. Reports from those who have been attending say that they enjoy engaging in one of the lessons for the day with the opportunity to ask questions and offer personal insights. Come to the Chapel on those days in June when 10 a.m. fits your schedule more conveniently than the Sanctuary worship.

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Summer worship schedule – One service!

Beginning on July 3 and continuing through September 4 there will be one combined worship service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. This will be a wonderful time of worship and fellowship, with special music followed by a fellowship hour in the Narthex and courtyard. As it was last summer, this schedule is an opportunity to meet and worship with the entire membership of Emmanuel, young and old, early risers and late comers alike!

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE ENCOUNTER

From September to June, Pr. Lookingbill gathers a Wednesday morning Bible Encounter group to share insight and enrich our understanding of Holy Scripture. We meet at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday and conclude with a brown bag lunch about noon. Members and friends of Emmanuel are always invited to join our study as we read again these formative stories of our fathers' and mothers' faith that point us along the pilgrimage we're on today. This May we concluded our study with a look at Titus and lunch together at Bethesda Country Club. We'll start our fall study on 7 September.

OPERATION WELCOME HOME: JUNE, 2011

Did you know? BWI Airport is the first port of call for hundreds of US Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Marines returning from overseas duty. Operation Welcome Home averages about one welcome home event per week. Volunteers package "goodie bags" for the troops, many of whom are hungry, thirsty, and tired from their travels and will be waiting for connecting flights. This small gift bag of water and snacks and notes sends a meaningful message - They are OUR men and women, and we Thank God that they've come home safely. The Outreach committee has chosen this for our June program. \$5 pays for one Gift Bag. Personal notes may also included.

They have commented on the program in the past:

"Thanks for the warm welcome back to the states. I appreciate you taking the time to meet us coming off the plane and greeting with applause, a handshake, and the goodie bag. Again, thanks from all of us! Aloha, Shawn"

"It was great. Two soldiers who were returning from their 3rd deployment said this was the best homecoming of all. Brenda (A volunteer)"

Please look for the donation table after services on June 5 and June 12! We will also collect personal notes that you wish to write.



The Joyful Praise Choir is ready for battle!

On June 5th at the 11:00 service, the choir will present a musical based on the story of David and Goliath. We all know the story of how young David beat the giant Goliath and helped to save Israel, but the young singers of Joyful Praise want you to know that no matter your size or age, we are all capable of facing insurmountable odds and winning. So please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for "David and the Giants" on June 4th. You will honor us with your presence.

From the Council President:

The Job Before Us

In early May, a number of us attended the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod Assembly in Leesburg, Virginia. At this meeting, there was much discussion about cost-cutting measures taken at both the Synod and ELCA National offices necessitated by lower overall giving church-wide, and the need to close or merge congregations that are no longer able to support themselves. We at Emmanuel should be thankful and, in a sense, proud that we are not among those struggling congregations. In fact, the generous response to our financial needs in December, 2010, resulted in our meeting our benevolence obligations and funding our reserve accounts for the first time in several years.

The issues we face here at Emmanuel are of a more subtle nature. In my observation, we are hurt by what appears to be a complacent atmosphere seen in the lack of participation in church-related activities. This phenomenon can be seen in our attendance at worship which has been declining over the past several years. The number of people at our recent Annual Meeting was far short of the 98 (10% of our membership) required for a quorum by our Constitution. These are but two examples of an apparent growing apathy; I am certain that you can think of other illustrations.

An important priority for the Church Council in the coming year will be to reinvigorate and enhance of the energy of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church congregation. I believe this revitalization is important for us to be able to meet our mission responsibilities, both now and in the future. Please understand that at this point, I do not know the answer as to what needs to be done. In fact, I am not sure that I even know the correct questions to ask. I do believe finding those answers will take some innovative thinking and creativity. The methods that were successful in enhancing fellowship, stewardship and participation in our parents' churches may no longer be successful in today's world. While it is the responsibility of the Council to lead this effort, we will need everybody to be successful. As we go forward, we will be asking for your input, suggestions and help.

I believe we at Emmanuel Lutheran church have a lot going for us. We are in the midst of our year-long 50th Anniversary celebration, rejoicing in our past 50 years of ministry in the Bethesda community and looking toward the future. We are most certainly not like those churches that I mentioned earlier, merging or closing because they can no longer afford to continue on their own. I do believe however, that at some point in their histories those churches faced situations similar to the one in which we find ourselves at Emmanuel. Their current unpleasant status today has resulted from the decisions they made, or did not make at that time.

I ask for your support and prayers as we set the course for the next 50 years of ministry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

In His service,

Brad E. Fackler
Council President

Introducing the 2011 Church Council

The new Church Council was elected at the Annual held on May 1. New members are Kevin Adams, Catherine Roberts (youth representative) and Ed White. Existing members re-elected for 3-year terms are Pam Schuettler and Patti Leppert. The full Church Council for 2011 - 12 is listed below:

Brad Fackler	President
Jessica Bottsford	Vice president
Pam Schuettler	Secretary
Ed White	Finance Chair
Cameron Groves	Treasurer
William Wertman	Financial Secretary
Kevin Adams	Linda Cleveland
Patti Leppert	Kurt Moss
Annette Poston	Anna Roberts
Catherine Roberts	Diane Swenson
Andrew Szamosszegi	

As we now move on, it is entirely fitting that we should thank the Council Members from last year for the job they did. Most notably we are very grateful to Jim McGee for serving as President for the last four years and to Tim Hando for his service as Treasurer for the last three years.

MANNA: SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION

GIVE BEYOND EMMANUEL'S WALLS

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

What is Health Ministry?

(Excerpt from Health Ministry Program, Adventist Health Care)

Health Ministry has a focus on the wholeness of body, mind, and spirit within the members of a congregation and the people in the community that it serves. The whole person health focus is on wellness, disease prevention and patient self-responsibility. It is a cooperative effort that may include members of the congregation interested in health and wholeness, community agencies and partnership with a local health care provider.

A congregational health ministry functions best with a health ministry committee and a health minister to chair the committee. The health committee works with the health minister and/or parish nurse to learn the needs of the congregation and plans on how to develop programs and services to meet these needs.

A faith-based health ministry indicates that congregations are reclaiming their role in health and healing. Congregations that have established health ministries have added much to the quality of life provided for members of their congregations and the surrounding community.

The challenge in Health Ministry is threefold:

1. To extend healthcare with a preventive and wholistic approach: body, mind and spirit.
2. To provide compassionate service and to carry out a healing ministry.
3. To contribute to the continuity of care and to improve the quality of life for those who are hurting and in need.

Top Three Reasons to Develop a Congregational Ministry of Health

1. Health problems, both temporary and chronic, are found but not always expressed among our members. We can experience better health after the risks have been identified and addressed.

2. Community congregations are found in places where health education, prevention programs and even medical care are not adequate and available to all people. Outreach through congregations is a great way to build community health partnerships.

3. Most congregations are already involved in the ministry of health, to some extent. Health ministries that are intentional and organized can assist and support busy pastors/clergy

Various institutions in the area provide instruction related to Health Ministry. A Health Ministry Team Building course is being offered Sept. 24 & 25, 2:00 pm-6:00 pm at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Deadline for registration is Aug. 31, 2011.

Vacation Bible Camp *Jesus Chooses Us!* June 20-24, 2011

Registration is open until June 14, 2011!

It's time to start making summer plans for the children and Vacation Bible Camp at Emmanuel. Our full-day Camp will be June 20-24, 2011. This year's theme is **Jesus Chooses Us!**

Most of the day is spent with games, arts & crafts, singing, dancing and having a great time with kids of their own age. Through these activities, we will teach that everyone, no matter what age, is called to follow Jesus, each is loved by God, and what that means for us.

Our Vacation Bible Camp is a full-day camp run by trained camp leaders from Mar-Lu-Ridge. Last year, the leaders from Mar-Lu-Ridge did a great job and we are looking forward to having them here again. The cost is \$100 for each child.

Registration forms will be available on the table in the Narthex, online at vbs.elcbethesda.org or by contacting Pastor Lewis at the church office or via email — rllewis@elcbethesda.org.

WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY *"MERE CHRISTIANITY"*

The Wednesday evening study group meets for weekly supper together and for study of topics that are both imaginative and theological, that relate to our lives as we live in today's world. Our May study was based on C.S. Lewis' classic book, *Mere Christianity*. First published in 1943, this short book has been an inspiration for many who have been confused about the Christian faith and are searching for an intelligent approach to understanding Christian values. While the group found the book "dated," the book was a focus for the group to discuss the nature of faith and our response to faith tradition. I especially like Lewis' conclusion in the preface: "When you have reached your own room, be kind to those who have chosen different doors and to those who are still in the hall. If they are wrong they need your prayers all the more; and if they are your enemies, then you are under orders to pray for them. That is one of the rules common to the whole house."

Pr. Lookingbill will convene the group on Wednesday evenings next fall in the Fellowship Hall for supper at 6:30 and in the Christian Education room at 7:30 for another study of similarly provocative material.

Parish Vital Records

Birth

Noah Drew Offutt, born 19 May 2011, son of Jennifer and Drew Offutt, brother to Leah, and grandson to Pr. Jan and Judy Lookingbill

Deaths

William C. Birely, died 27 April 2011, grandfather of Vic Seested

Lucille Donaldson, died 8 May 2011 at the National Lutheran Home

Pat Bejter, died 8 May 2011, sister of Sharon Beardall

Sylvia Burmeister, died 19 May 2011

New Member

Ron Paulson, 22 May 2011, by affirmation of baptism

Synod Assembly—Part One

The business of churches, like most businesses, can be tedious business. So special thanks go to the five members of the congregation who sacrificed two beautiful days of Mothers' Day weekend to accompany Pastor Jan Lookingbill at the spring meeting of the DC Metro Synod.

The five, Council President, Brad Fackler, Pam and Fred Scheuttler, and Donna and Jim McGee, voted on a long list of candidates for a variety of offices and an almost equally long list of resolutions.

Keynote speaker, Joe Meyers, offered some thought provoking ideas about attracting new members to our congregations.

If there was anything resembling controversy, it was around a resolution in support of the Kairos document, a statement by the Christian churches in Palestine to end the Israeli occupation.

At last year's Synod Assembly a similar motion was offered but the final resolution urged congregations to study the document. Last October, Rev. Russ Siler, former pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem, spoke with a small group of Emmanuel members about the Kairos document and conditions in Palestine. The Middle East Working Group conducted similar sessions throughout the synod and as a result the resolution ultimately passed by a 2 to 1 margin.

Another resolution encouraging investment in Palestine also passed by a similar margin.

Joyful Praise Choristers Honored

Congratulations to the members of the Joyful Praise Choir who have worked so hard this year to provide music for many of our worship services. On 15 May, the members of the choir were awarded new choir pins in recognition of all their contributions to Emmanuel.

Abbi Audas	5th Year
Megan Bray	1st Year
Sarah Bray	2nd Year
Annie Campbell	1st Year
Abbie Cannon	3rd Year
Katie Cannon	5th Year
Clare Cawley	5th Year
Eilis Cawley	3rd Year
Cara King	3rd Year

INTERFAITH STUDY CONCLUDES DEUTERONOMY IN MAY

Pastor Lookingbill and Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Cahan concluded their study of the Book of Deuteronomy on 26 May at Emmanuel. This study has brought to life the unique nature of this last book of the Torah, revolutionizing Jewish practices before the time of Jesus and greatly influencing the ministry of Jesus. With our study of directions to Judges, kings, priests and Prophets, we have completed a look at this revolutionary book in the history of Jews and Christians.

As we complete our study this spring, we thank Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Cahan for his diligent study and generous sharing of his deep religious knowledge. I am always learning and deepening my understanding of Holy Scripture as we continue this unique opportunity at Interfaith study. Plan to join us next fall as we continue this unique Interfaith Study.

Pastor Lewis Considers..... horticulture



.Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month it was that time again – time to plant the garden. Besides the flowers, it was also time to plant veggies. Even the youth at Emmanuel got into the act with a garden here at the church. As I write now I can see shoots of green begin sprouting in my garden. There are the sunflowers that continue to thrive and spread, through no effort of my own. There are the Stella d’Oro daylilies transplanted from neighbors when their efforts were so successful that they needed to share. There are the hostas that have been around for five years. And in a week or so, I’ll add some annuals.

I always begin my spring gardening with the best of intentions. *This* is the year that I’ll fertilize on schedule. *This* is the year that I’ll deadhead those fading blooms on the rose bushes. *This* is the year that I’ll actually weed regularly. It’s a pretty safe bet, though, that by mid-summer, all my best intentions will be just that, as other priorities creep in, time gets away from me, and I decide that things are “good enough.” Yet, people will still walk by and comment on the beauty of that garden. Those day lilies will continue to thrive and bloom. And the chipmunks will have dug up some of the hostas (no matter what I do to try and prevent it). In short, my garden will continue to thrive in spite of my efforts because even though I may have been the one to put the plants in the ground, it is God who sends the rain and the sunshine and the growth. It is God who blesses this garden.

As I look out at the promise of my garden, it represents for me the promise that is revealed in our ministries as well, as many hands come together to tend the hearts and lives of our young people. There are those like the members of the Fun Bunch, who did the planting long ago, but whose efforts continue to bear fruit amongst us. There is the community of faith that shares in the work and then offers the abundance of its harvest to those outside the church. There are the friends and family who support us by establishing the foundation of our ministry. Then there are those of us involved in Christian Education, Children, Youth and Family ministries, who add the splashes of annual color. We are often the ones responsible for the “public,” flashy parts of our ministry – the work-camp trips, youth events, Vacation Bible Camp, Sunday School, Confirmation. Yet these are all set in the midst of a thriving garden that is built upon the efforts of many others, both those who have gone before us and those who continue to walk alongside us.

As we tend the gardens of our ministry and head into the often chaotic weeks of summer, we do well to remember that we do not garden alone. To be sure, we have an important role to play in laying out the dimensions of the garden and deciding which plants to add. But sometimes someone will share a plant we had never considered. Or someone else will volunteer to do

the fertilizing or the weeding. When despite our best intentions, we simply can’t do everything we plan to do, it is important to remember that there are many others who can pick up the slack – and it is God who will send the rain and the sunshine and the growth. Knowing *that* gives us the opportunity to sit back, see God’s blessing upon our ministry, and enjoy the beauty of it all.

The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. Deuteronomy 28:12

PAX,

Pastor Robert Lewis +

Daoud Nassar and his “Tent of Nations” project

A couple of years ago, Daoud Nassar a Lutheran Palestinian, visited Emmanuel and described his efforts to hold onto his 100 acre farm south of Bethlehem, against Israeli efforts to confiscate it. He described his efforts to use his farm to promote peace and hope through his Tent of Nations project. Daoud is truly an inspiration.

But things are not going so well for Daoud and his Tent of Nations project.

They are trying to renovate their facility and find that the Israelis are denying a building permit because it is too close to a proposed new road (a road which is not yet publicly announced). This has entailed engaging the Israeli legal system.

Nonetheless, the Tent of Nations has installed a new solar system and soon will install a small wind turbine with the goal of energy self-sufficiency. They have terraced and planted a large area with pine, almond, apricot, and olive trees and with grapevines. They have improved their water collection system and now have 12 cisterns whose 700 cubic meter storage capacity will help water their plants and contribute to their self-sufficiency as well. They hope that they will not have to buy water this coming summer.

Nassar reports that many volunteers come to donate time and energy in helping at the Tent of Nations. The continued support of people from different countries, backgrounds, and religions are a “big encouragement for us to keep looking forward and focus on our vision..”

Youth and Family Calendar

June 5, Sunday, Noon

Church Picnic

Everyone is invited to our annual spring picnic. Please see page 1 in this issue for more information

June 12, Sunday, 11 am Worship Service

Confirmation

This is Pentecost Sunday and our eighth-grade confirmation students will be confirmed on this day.

June 13, Monday, Noon

Fun Bunch Lunch

We will meet for fellowship and lunch before our speaker. We will have a speaker come in to talk about one of the medical concerns the group has requested. More information will follow in the bulletins.

June 18, Saturday, 1 pm

Lunch and Laser Tag

All youth and college students are invited to join Pastor Lewis at Cici's Pizza in the Quince Orchard shopping Center where he will treat for Lunch, and then it's off to Shadowland Laser Tag also located in the shopping center. Bring \$15 for two games of laser tag and some extra if want to get a snack or drink between games. Cici's Pizza is located at 642 Quince Orchard Road.

June 19, Sunday

Father's Day

We will celebrate Father's Day during the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

June 20-24

Vacation Bible Camp

We still have room for this full day camp for those who are currently in grades K-6. We also need some youth volunteers.

Mark your Calendars

July 10-16 Chi Rho Work Camp for High School Youth.



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. What we share will be unique and awesome as history comes alive and the Bible is illustrated with each day's visits and conversations.

This is a striking 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 history in Israel is full of surprises. This is the land where the Dead Sea Scrolls revealed new insight into religious practices and conflicts.

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 another meeting of all those interested in joining the adventure this summer.





Johann Sebastian Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic.

Music sung by two people at the same time is called a duel; if they sing without music it is called Acapulco.

(Actual answers from college music exams)

Warmest Greetings!

Our musical activities begin to wind down this month, and the hiatus of the church's performing groups begins. This is not to say that there won't be a variety of special music. There will be. The first of them will be a delightful musical presentation by Joyful Praise, our children's choir under Susan Drumm's direction. It will be a cantata about David and Goliath on Sunday morning, June 5. Don't miss it!

The Handbells and the Adult Choir are preparing to participate in as many services as possible during the month, bringing back some of the year's best received selections, chosen because of the positive responses to them from worshippers. Worthy of highlighting is a recital being given by my good friend, world-class cellist, Miron Yampolsky, a former pupil of the great Rostropovich. It will take place on the last Sunday, June 26, at 7:00 PM. It will be preceded by what promises to be a whiz-bang Potluck dinner. Both dinner and concert are free, and everyone – no exceptions – is invited. If you have friends and acquaintances who enjoy great music and good food (you know Lutherans can really cook!), or know of young aspiring student players who would benefit from the experience of meeting and hearing a performer of Mr. Yampolsky's caliber, be sure to let them know about it!

In my next column I will tell you about the music which we've commissioned to assist with the church's Fiftieth Anniversary, to be presented next December. The composer is another personal acquaintance, Virginia resident, David Tiller.

I cannot close without asking for your help in identifying prospective individuals to become involved in the musical aspects of Emmanuel. The time is approaching when new faces, new voices and new hands will be needed if the church is to carry on its rich music tradition. For details about any of our scheduled activities, please call the church office, or contact me directly. As always, I welcome any thoughts or suggestions you may have toward the enrichment of our program. I want to hear from you!

Until next time, I am
Faithfully yours,

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Rodgers and Hammerstein celebrated June in their musical, *Carousel*, with the song "June is bustin' out all over." Indeed, it captures the enthusiasm and hope of exuberant spring. Even hearing the song in one's mind recalls the excitement of it all. What is there about June that brings such pleasant thoughts to mind? Around here, the birds may be well on the way to fledging their first clutch of chicks, the glorious spring blossoms have faded and the early summer flowers are beginning to show, tomatoes are mostly still in the promise stage, and the over-wintered parsley is threatening to bolt. Yet, for all of nature's passing array, we still react to the promise of June. It is the traditional month of marriages—is it because June and moon rhyme? It is the month of Flag Day, Fathers' Day, and D-Day commemorations. But most of us harbor the thought that it is also the month when school ends. Oh, blessed relief!

June is home to the longest day of the year. There is something magical about the light lasting into the late evening and waking early, only to find that the sun has beaten you to the day, suggesting that lots of things might be happening while we sleep away the morning. Few teenagers ever wonder about the early part of the day—they are too busy sleeping. Of course, they don't much like to go to bed, either. No wonder their teachers sometimes despair.



The neighbor's dog is ancient. It is walked each day and still has an interest in the various scents that mark its path, but it no longer races from spot to spot collecting information. Instead, its pace is slower and apparently more contemplative. Another neighbor's dog is the same chronologic age but he still travels his daily walk with the enthusiasm of a yearling. The contrast between the dogs is striking. What is even more striking is the owner at the other end of the leash. The slower dog is accompanied by one who enjoys looking at the neighborhood and admiring the changing scene. The other one is accompanied by one who rarely has time to notice where she is except at the human end of the leash. There is something favorable to be said about stopping to smell the roses—or whatever.

We complained when the power went out. We fretted when the snow made it difficult to travel. We worried that the high winds would wreak havoc. Now, the weather is warmer, the winds less fearsome, and the power companies assure us that they're better prepared. Have we anything new to complain about? Silly question! We can complain about anything and often do. Perhaps we could count blessings, instead.

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