



October

News Notes

CELEBRATING OUR FIFTIETH YEAR OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN BETHESDA

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Caroline Keeney Meyers to Preach on October 9

The Rev. Caroline Meyers will help Emmanuel celebrate its fiftieth year as she will preach and be celebrant at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on October 9. She is the daughter of our Gail and the late Max Keeney and is currently the pastor of South Congregational Church in Amherst, Massachusetts.



Kevin Gutting, *Daily Hampshire Gazette*

Here, Caroline Keeney Meyers (on the right) is shown with two of her fellow Congregational pastors. She is a graduate of Smith and of the Yale Divinity School. She has two teenage sons. Following the 11 a.m. service, there will be "Soup & Sammiches" in the fellowship hall.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES WITH PR. LOOKINGBILL

Beginning on Sunday, 2 October, and continuing for three weeks, Pr. Lookingbill will lead a class for those children and youth who want to prepare for their first Communion. The class will meet in Pr. Lookingbill's office at 10 a.m. for three Sundays. Students and Parents are invited to come and will need to have a Bible for the first session, so bring along one from home or let Pr. Lookingbill know that you'll need one from the Sunday School.

The Church Council of Emmanuel has agreed that children who are considered mature enough by their parents and the Pastor to understand what Communion means in the Lutheran Church are welcome to join the Pastor's First Communion class. First Communion this year will be celebrated on Sunday, 23 October.

Church Life Sunday to be Observed October 2

The various things that are possible to participate in as part of the life of Emmanuel will be featured on October 2. Committees, guilds, classes, and boards are going to make available opportunities to examine their activities and to join in the fun. Take the opportunity to explore what is on offer.

Oktoberfest — October 16

The annual Oktoberfest dinner will be held on October 16 in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available in the narthex. Come, enjoy the food, the music, the fellowship, and the dancing.

How we stand financially

As of August 31:

	Budgeted	Actual
Income	442,933.40	380,682.20
Expenses	<u>442,934.20</u>	<u>408,127.04</u>
Excess (deficit)	0.20	(27,444.84)

A deficit is often seen after the summer months, those being the ones with the lowest income. This year's deficit seems modest compared to previous years

Youth Worship Services October 30, 2011

Come join us as we participate in worship led by the youth. We will have youth "preachers" and a presentation on the 2011 Chi Rho Work Camp and Mission Trip.

During the Worship service, the youth will also present the Third Graders with Bibles.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Regular Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- Chapel Service at 10 a.m.
- Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.

Pastor Lookingbill ponders prayers



Dear Friends,

When a Church reaches the 50th Anniversary as Emmanuel does this Advent, there are plenty of reasons to celebrate. Over the years there have been many families who have shared their faith, shared their talents, worked together on projects, and have grown in leadership skills. There have been three full time Pastors called to serve in this congregation, along with several Associates. One of the young people of Emmanuel will be returning on 9 October as an ordained minister of the Church, a UCC Pastor in Amherst, MA, to preach and celebrate with us. Caroline Keeney Meyers is the daughter of Max and Gail Keeney, who have been active in Emmanuel, both professionally – Gail was our Church Office Secretary – and as volunteers – Max was the Chair of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium. The Rev. Caroline Keeney Meyers has distinguished herself at Yale Divinity School as well as her several congregations in Michigan and Massachusetts. She has developed plays and acted in Churches around the country. She is married to Tom and has two talented children. She leads a very active life!

It's a joy for a Church like Emmanuel to know that as a community of faith, we have had some part in the education and perhaps inspiration of young people who have left this congregation to share their talents with other congregations and agencies. It's always been true that it takes a village to raise a child. We do not learn apart from other people, and we do not share our faith by ourselves. Sharing is a requirement for faith, and a community of faith is a nurturing agency for our youth as well as our mature members.

That's one of the main reasons that Confirmation classes in the Lutheran tradition have been so important to us; we teach and learn from the authority of Holy Scripture and the historical doctrines of the Church. The word "authority" has as its root "origin." We need to know our origins to come to a fuller understanding of who we are. So Confirmation begins again this October at Emmanuel and the learning grows. We will present the Confirmands and Mentors on 9 October as we welcome The Rev. Caroline Keeney Meyers back to Emmanuel.

Everything this fall at Emmanuel relates to the 50th Anniversary, so we'll enjoy a 50th Anniversary Oktoberfest on 16 October as we have for many years. This annual catered dinner and music to dance to is another way we explore our heritage and our need to feed! While the Germans actually celebrate their Oktoberfest in September, we Americans think the month should be kept consistent with the event. In any case, it shows that we are a fun loving community that meets the

darkening days of winter with music, good friends and good food.

As we anticipate our 50th Anniversary Celebration on 11 December, we are looking forward to welcoming back many of our former members, those who have contributed to the wealth of our story here at the corner of Seven Locks and Bradley Blvd., the "grubby thicket" that has been cleared for ministry in Montgomery County. If you know of former members of Emmanuel and have kept their addresses and phone numbers, please invite them to join us to celebrate this 50th with us this year. They can also check out our plans on the Church web site and plan to remember with us the origin of our community of faith: Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Christ's Service,
Jan P. Lookingbill, Pastor

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP: *ABRAHAM HESCHEL'S ESSENTIAL WRITINGS*

Abraham Heschel spent most of his professional life at Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, across the street from Union Theological Seminary and Teacher's College of Columbia University. His insights and scholarly work have been an encouragement for Christian/Jewish dialogues and for a deeper understanding of our common heritage. *Abraham Joshua Heschel, Essential Writings* (Modern Spiritual Masters) is the book that we are using for our fall series of discussions. Edited by his daughter, Susannah, a religion professor in her own right, this book is a summary of her father's critical writings and a springboard for our discussions. The book is easily available through any of the book stores or amazon.com.

Rabbi Heschel emphasized that "awe" is the beginning of the religious life. We are, or should be, "embarrassed" by our weakness and inability to admit our weaknesses and failures. Rabbi Heschel declared, "I am afraid of people who are never embarrassed at their own pettiness, prejudices, envy, and conceit, never embarrassed at the profanation of life."

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Outreach Committee organizes food for the Community Based Shelter

As they have for several years, the Outreach Committee is organizing and delivering food for the Rockville Homeless Shelter during the first week in October. Several members of the congregation have been recruited to prepare various foods for that week. If you would like to participate in such activities, contact Marijke Aaser.

Join us for Sunday's 10 am Chapel Worship

Emmanuel began its 10 am worship service again in September, with a few changes. The 10 am worship is available for family members of Sunday School children and others. This is a "reflective" worship service where we have a dialogue about one of the scripture passages assigned for that day in the Common Lectionary, and what it may mean for our lives today.

This year, the Chapel Worship service no longer begins with the Sunday School opening; therefore, we are able to move right into a reflective, worship atmosphere. This service lasts about 45 minutes and allows time for dialogue and prayer. Come join us.

Calendar of Fiftieth Anniversary Events

October 9 — Rev. Caroline Keeney Meyers, preacher at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. She is a daughter of Emmanuel.

November 6 — Rev. Dr. Richard Reichard, preacher at 8:30 and 11 a.m.. He is a member of Emmanuel.

November 13 — Joint service with the Norwegian Church of Washington with traditional Norwegian "Kirkekaffe" following the service (Norwegian festival in fellowship hall November 11 and 12)

December 11 — Anniversary Celebration Sunday with inaugural presentation of a special choral work commissioned by Dingwall Fleary

December 11 — Anniversary luncheon at **Bethesda Country Club** (invitations will be mailed and RSVPs are required)

Christian Education Notes

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school is off to a great start with our new curriculum, new teachers and new start time, 9:45 am. Each lesson in the new curriculum stands alone, so if you miss a week, you will not have to know what happened the previous week to understand the lessons when you return.

BIBLES

Emmanuel has a tradition of passing on the word of God to the third graders in the form of a new Bible (we also present them to older elementary age students who have not yet received one). The Youth will hand these Bibles out to the children during our Reformation worship service on October 30, 2011. If Pastor Lewis has not already contacted you about presenting a Bible to your child, please contact him at the church office as soon as possible.

SUNDAYS

First Communion Class

Pastor Lookingbill will meet with those children, and their families, who feel they are ready to begin receiving Communion. Classes will take place during the Sunday School Hour in Pastor Lookingbill's study on October 2, 9 & 16

Children and Youth Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. in the Atrium and Classrooms

October 2 – Opening: Community Based Shelter, remember to bring toiletries to donate

Adult Forum - 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The Adult Forum is an opportunity to have a Christian discussion on the issues of the day. All are invited.

Adult Bible Study - 10 a.m. in the Parlor

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study invites you to join them in the Parlor at 10:00 a.m. Ginger Boone and Carl Seils lead the group. Further information may be obtained by calling the church office at 301-365-5733.

CONFIRMATION Classes begin at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays. Please be on time.

October 3 – Acolyte Training plus preparing and serving dinner for Community Based Shelter

October 11 – Regular Classes

October 18 – Regular Classes

October 24 – Regular Classes

October 31 – No Classes

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Morning Bible Encounter with Pastor

Lookingbill 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring a lunch and join the discussion on The Gospel of Matthew.

Wednesday Evening study with Pastor Lookingbill examining the philosophy of Abraham Herschel.

From the Council President:

With fall approaching, the Church Council went back to work in September. I want to use this News Notes article to update the congregation on the matters that council is and will be addressing as we move toward the end of 2011.

- We remain in reasonably good financial shape. Although our income is running behind budget though August (which is normal coming out of the summer months), our offerings are nearly \$20,000 above the figure from August 2010.
- Council is currently evaluating proposals for the renovation of the kitchen. We recognize that this renovation is critical and will be a very big project. We also want to be fiscally responsible and have a plan in place to pay for it. Along with the funds already collected and money being donated from various groups within the church, the kitchen renovation has been set as a priority for the funds collected through the 50th Anniversary effort. I want to say a special thank-you to Sheila Murtland for her work in pulling everything together.
- Council has approved a proposal from the Endowment Committee whereby Endowment will match all donations toward the kitchen renovation, dollar for dollar, on an amount up to \$5,000.
- Council approved a youth event to raise funds for the new furniture. This is a replacement for the August car washes in which the weather did not cooperate. The youth will also be selling coffee, chocolate, and olive oil at the Norwegian Bazaar coming in November.
- A new committee has been formed at Emmanuel. The Communications Committee is chaired by Jane Rosenquist and includes, Katherine Burrell, Pastor Lewis, Mike Poston and Sue Waldrop. Their role is to use existing channels and find new methods to enhance the communication among the church leadership, the congregation and the outside community. This team believes, "Our congregation is stronger with more information rather than with less. We need to find better ways to communicate how our mission is important as well as what Emmanuel is - especially to our members and to the outside world."
- Our congregation collected over \$17,000 in goods for the Manna Food Drive over the summer. This is important community outreach for Emmanuel.
- Our newest tenant, The Feynman School, is finalizing the necessary permits and licensures to move to Emmanuel. We anticipate this process to be complete and the school occupying classrooms 9, 10 and 11 in late October or early November.

- Church Life Sunday on October 2. A big thank you to Kit Moss for coordinating this year's event.
- The Outreach Committee's annual week of sharing meals with the Community Based Shelter begins on October 2.
- Guest Pastor, Caroline Keeney Meyers, a daughter of Emmanuel, will be preaching on October 9. "Soup and Sammiches" is also planned for that day.
- This year's Oktoberfest will be October 16.
- 1st Communion will be celebrated on October 23.
- Youth Sunday will be celebrated this year on Reformation Sunday, October 30, along with the presentation of Bibles to the Sunday School 3rd grade.

One final, but important note: Emmanuel is still in need of an individual to serve as the Stewardship Committee Chairman. This is a critical position for the life of Emmanuel. If you would be willing to serve Emmanuel in this way, please contact either Pastor Lookingbill or me.

In His service,

Brad E. Fackler
Council President

MISSION ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTES FUNDS AT HOME AND ABROAD

The ELC Mission Endowment fund has distributed \$2000 for Flood relief in Tennessee and Japan through the ELCA disaster relief agencies. We have also made a \$5000 contribution to the building fund for a new dining hall at Mar-Lu Ridge. In addition, we funded capital improvements at Emmanuel by providing over \$5000 for a new phone system. These contributions represent the three types of funding that we are charged with: *ELCA Mission* contribution (flood relief), *Local Community Outreach* (Mar-Lu Ridge), and the needs of *our own congregation*. We achieve our mission goals through the appropriate ELCA agencies.

Please let us know if you are aware of any needs in this framework by submitting a request through the Church Office, or by contacting any of the committee members: Tom Botsford (Chair), Oliver Moss, Dave Roberts, Karen Grimm, or Ken Cannon.

Hints and Helps from the Parish Nurse

Flu Vaccines

Flu Vaccines are currently being offered at drugstores, supermarkets, clinics, and doctors' offices throughout our area. If you are unable to find a location, or require assistance with transportation, please contact Anna Roberts through the church office or aroberts@elcbethesda.org.

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted for "universal" flu vaccination in the U.S. to expand protection against the flu to more people.

When to Get Vaccinated: CDC recommends that people get their seasonal flu vaccine as soon as vaccine becomes available in their community. Vaccination before December is best since this timing ensures that protective antibodies are in place before flu activity is typically at its highest.

For more detailed information on vaccines, including guidelines for who should/should not receive vaccine, speak with your health care provider or check www.cdc.gov/flu/

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

What Cancer Cannot Do

Cancer is so limited...
It cannot cripple love.
It cannot shatter hope.
It cannot corrode faith.
It cannot eat away peace.
It cannot destroy confidence.
It cannot kill friendship.
It cannot shut out memories.
It cannot silence courage.
It cannot reduce eternal life.
It cannot quench the Spirit.

Author unknown

To the women of Emmanuel, please follow recommendations for mammograms/breast cancer screening applicable to you.

Friendly Visits:

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a friendly visit from one of our Friendly Visitor team, please let Anna know.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FAITH – GREAT TRADITION, GREAT FAITH, GREAT FUTURE!

How much do you know of Emmanuel's early history?

- Our property was purchased in January 1961 by the Lutheran Board of American Missions.
- Dr. Reissig began a Ministry to develop an Emmanuel congregation in February 1961.
- 41 Charter Members organize Emmanuel in December 1961 (our 50-year Anniversary is in recognition of this accomplishment).
- The Church property is comprised of 3.0127 acres on a site referred to as a "grubby thicket."
- The first mortgage of the Church was financed at a rate of 5 ¼ percent interest.
- Ground breaking for the Chapel began in December 1962.
- Our cornerstone was laid in May 1963 on the same day that Lutheran Church of the Cross (Missouri Synod) in Rockville broke ground for a new building.
- The first service in the Chapel was in July 1963.
- The Stewardship Committee began a 52-week Capital Funds Drive in January 1964 with the theme "We Begin, We Continue, We Hope" and a goal of \$13,480.

Save The Date 50th Anniversary Luncheon

*Mark your calendar for a special 50th Anniversary meal at Bethesda Country Club on **Sunday, December 11**. Invitations will be mailed next month with RSVP cards to be returned to the church office. The meal will follow the special choral work celebrating **Great Tradition, Great Faith, Great Future**. This work will feature the Senior Choir, Joyful Praise Choir, the Emmanuel Ringers bell choir, organ, and instrumentalists. Seating at the luncheon is limited and will be by reservation only. Save the date!*

Parish Vital Records

Births

Cale Thomas Rosenblatt, born 20 September 2011, son of Adam and Jana Lookingbill Rosenblatt and grandson of Judy and Pr. Jan Lookingbill

Deaths

Marie DiMiceli, died 25 August 2011, grandmother of Jennifer Lewis

Laura Heimberg, died 26 August 2011, friend of the Sarin family

Kristi Hargrave, died 1 September, relative of Beverly Sullivan

Wedding

Lindsey Thornett and *Edward Zielinski*, 27 August 2011

New Members

Patricia Svenson, 18 September 2011, by affirmation of baptism

Kai Lima Svenson and *Nika Lima Svenson*, son and daughter of Patricia Svenson, 18 September 2011, by childhood baptism

Laura Pritchard, 18 September 2011, by affirmation of baptism

October 22, Saturday, 10 am - 8 pm Maryland Renaissance Festival

Come, join us as we travel back to Renaissance England and partake of food and entertainment worthy of a Lady's and Lord's joy. There are jousting, music, comedy, street entertainers, and shops. Pastor Lewis will have his semi-famous Alces staff, so you are also invited to dress the part if you wish.

This is an event for all youth. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10 a.m. and head to the Renaissance Festival. We plan to depart from the Festival at 7 p.m. and arrive back to the church at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$9.00 for those age 15 and under, \$19 for those 16 and above. We also suggest that you bring spending money for snacks, meals and souvenirs. We also ask that you let Pastor Lewis know by October 18 if you plan to attend so that we can make sure there are enough drivers. Contact him by responding to the Facebook invitation, by email, or by signing up in the Narthex.

Join Us as we get SCARED SILLY

at

Markoff's Haunted Forest

October 23 at 6 PM.

Everyone is invited to join us as we venture to Markoff's Haunted Forest located at 19120 Martinsburg Road in Dickerson, MD (only 35 minutes from the church). We will meet at the front gate at 6 PM (look for Pastor Lewis, he will be wearing his yellow Mar-Lu-Ridge hat) so that we can enter the forest at the same time because it's more fun being scared together.

The cost is \$25 a person to enter. They DO NOT take credit cards. (However, they do sell tickets in advance online. If you wish to do that, contact Pastor Lewis for details.) We also suggest that you bring some extra money for hot drinks and snacks (it was chilly the last two times we were there) There are also extras you can do such as the "Bat-line" (a Zip-line in the dark) and the haunted bus. This is a family event and all ages are welcomed. The trail can be scary for some. Last year we saw adults get really scared and a bunch of kids laughing and pointing. You know your family members best when it comes to wondering about whether you or your children are up for the trail. Think of it as a time to bring your family closer together (as you hold on to each other). It can be a bonding moment.

For questions or directions, contact Pastor Lewis.

Joyful Praise Choir, the best Choir, Still has openings for fun and song

Joyful Praise has begun rehearsals and we are excited about our new year of singing, but we would love to see more of you....

The Joyful Praise Choir invites all the young voices of Emmanuel and their friends also to come sing and make a joyful noise to God. The choir is open to all children age six and up. The choir meets for rehearsal each Tuesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 in the music room. We sing during the church services one or two times a month.

Joyful Praise is all about having fun as we learn to sing and lead worship through our music. We also play the handchimes with many of our songs and present an end of the year musical that is always a highlight for Emmanuel. The ability to read music is not necessary as we learn the music together.

I hope you will consider joining us this year. Your voice is needed! If you have any questions, please call Susie Drumm at 301 279 2646.

Pastor Lewis Considers..... eavesdropping



After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you. . . I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. John 17:1, 15-18

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to eavesdrop on Jesus praying for you? That's exactly what the disciples get to do in the 17th chapter of John. On his last night together with them, just before he is arrested, Jesus has been busy, according to John's gospel. He has washed the disciples' feet, given them a new commandment, predicted both Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial, and promised to send the disciples an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Up to this point, Jesus has been talking to the disciples. But now, the scene changes from Jesus talking *to* the disciples to praying *for* them. And as far as we can tell from the text, the disciples are still in the room. They get to overhear every word.

I wonder what that must have been like. And while it seems that the disciples still do not seem to truly understand who Jesus is, it must have been a powerful experience to overhear the Son of God praying to the Creator of the world on their behalf.

What they overheard was:

- Jesus asking that they be given eternal life – which Jesus defines not as some future life to come, but life right here, right now, in this world lived in relationship with Christ. In verse 3 Jesus says: And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Eternal life is not a place or a future destination – eternal life is a relationship, a relationship the disciples could have right now with the One who came to make God's love known to a hurting world.
- Jesus praying for their protection. He makes it clear that faith in him doesn't mean a life free of trials and tribulations – in fact, for the disciples it will be just the opposite. But it does mean living through those trials under the loving care of the God who loved them enough to die for them.
- Jesus praying for unity. He prays for their protection "so that they may be one, as we are one" (17:22). God's protection is not for them alone, but so that they may be united in love for one another.

So what is it like for *us* to eavesdrop on Jesus' prayer? Because this prayer is also for us as Jesus prays in verse 20: *'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word.*

So what does it feel like to overhear Jesus asking that you be given eternal life – a life lived in relationship with the one true God, pleading that you be protected in the midst of your own trials and tribulations, and praying for unity not only with God but with those around you? I find it a pretty powerful experience to eavesdrop on the Son of God praying to the Creator of the world on my behalf. How about you?

PAX,
Pastor Robert L. Lewis, Jr.

Confirmation Retreat

November 18-20, 2011

Our first confirmation retreat for the year will be at the West River Retreat Center during the weekend of November 18-20, 2011. We plan on leaving the church around 4 p.m. on Friday and return on Sunday around 2:30 p.m.

The cost of the retreat is \$65 a person. Forms are available in the church office, on the confirmation page of the church's website or by contacting Pastor Lewis.

**October 23,
Sunday, 1:00 pm**



**Butler's Orchard's
Pumpkin Festival**

This is a **Sneakers & Squeakers** event for those families with children in 6th grade and younger. The cost is \$10 a person, with those under the age of two being free. We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool up to Butler's Orchard, or you can meet us there at 1:30 pm.

There is festival food such as hot dogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, fresh apple cider, kettle-corn and baked goods available for lunch and snack. Activities included in the ticket price are: a new Spider Web to climb on, Corn Bin, Hayrides, Straw Maze, Wildcat Run Slide, Tube Slide, Rubber Ducky Derby, Pumpkin Coach, Jump in the Hayloft, Twisted Pumpkin Corn Maze, Pedal Tractors and more. For an extra fee you can get your face-painted, pony rides, crafts, and even shoot a pumpkin cannon. Come pick your pumpkin for Halloween. There is also free, live music.

Look for Pastor Lewis in his yellow hat near the ticket booth. Butler's Orchard is located at 22200 Davis Mill Road in Germantown.

Youth and Family Calendar

October 2, Sunday, Noon

Confirmation Luncheon

All confirmands, their families and mentors should attend in order to receive important information about this year's confirmation classes. Please RSVP to the church office.

October 2, Sunday, 4:30 pm

Youth Gathering Meeting

All youth who are planning to attend the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans should attend at this meeting (or the meeting on October 4) with their forms and a check for the deposit. *Please note the new meeting time.*

October 4, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Youth Gathering Meeting

All youth who are planning to attend the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans should be at this meeting with their forms and a check for the deposit. This meeting is the same as the one on October 2 in case you were not able to attend. *Please note the new date for this meeting.*

October 9, Sunday, Noon

Youth Gathering Meeting and Lunch

All youth who are planning to attend the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering should be here for the official sign-up event.

October 10, Monday, Noon

OWLs (formerly known as the Fun Bunch)

The OWLs will have a catered lunch and presentation on Medicine Safety and Interaction by Jennifer Lewis, BSN, CCRN. Everyone is invited to attend. Please see elsewhere in this issue for more information.

October 14, Friday, 6:30 pm

Markoff's Haunted Forest

Everyone of all ages is invited to join us to be scared silly at Markoff's Haunted Forest (19120 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson, MD) which is only 35 minutes from the church. We will meet at the front gates and go through the line at the same time so we can enter the forest as one group. The cost is \$25 a person. They DO NOT accept credit cards. See page eight for more information.

October 16, Sunday, Noon

Youth Sunday Planning and Lunch

All youth should be at this important planning event as we get ready for Youth Sunday and make plans for the Winter and Spring. We will provide lunch.

October 22, Saturday, 10 am - 8 pm

Maryland Renaissance Festival

This is an event for all youth. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10 am and head to the Renaissance Festival. Tickets are \$9.00 for those age 15 and under, \$19 for those 16 and above. We also suggest that you bring spending money for snacks, meals and souvenirs. We are also asking that you let Pastor Lewis know if you plan to attend by October 18 so we can make sure there are enough drivers. Please see page eight.

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October 29, Saturday 10 am – noon

Youth Sunday Rehearsal

All youth should plan to attend our rehearsal for the Youth Worship Service.

October 30, Sunday 8:30 – Noon

Youth Sunday

Come join our youth as they lead our worship services.

November 6, Sunday, Noon

Gathering Crew Meeting and Lunch

All youth and adults who are registered to attend the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering should be at this meeting. We will provide lunch. The meeting will be in the Youth Room.

November 18-20, Friday - Sunday

Confirmation Retreat

This is the first of three confirmation retreats during the school



At one time singers had to use musicians to accompany them. Since synthesizers came along, they can now play with themselves. — ANONYMOUS

Fall Greetings!

Now that the regular schedule of worship has resumed, so also have rehearsals by our music groups begun. As it has been for the past several years, Joyful Praise, our children's choir, will meet on Tuesdays, at 6:30, Emmanuel Ringers on Thursdays, at 6:30, followed by the Adult Choir at 8:00. By-and-large, there has been little change in the personnel for quite some time, particularly with regard to the adult groups. It is my fervent hope that during this 50th Anniversary year many new individuals will join us in an effort to stimulate the music ministry of the church, helping it to flourish and grow.

Speaking of the Anniversary of the church, as you may have already read, I was authorized to commission music for the special service taking place on December 11, 2011. The composer I chose is David Tiller, a resident of Reston, Virginia. As a church musician himself, he is highly regarded throughout the country for his expertise as a writer and arranger, and as a handbell and choral music specialist. In preparation for the task, Mr. Tiller worshipped with us several times so that he could get a feel for our services and our congregation. I visited with him recently to see and discuss the progress of the music he is creating, and I can enthusiastically report that I am very pleased! The music for the service will center around a simple original hymn tune and verses he has written which focus on the season of Advent, with a special emphasis on the 50 year-old community of Christ which is Emmanuel Lutheran Church! In addition to congregational singing, there will be prominent parts for the adult and children's choirs, solo singers, plus trumpets, handbells and organ.

As the time grows closer, please watch this column for more details. And, if there is anyone, in addition to yourself, who would like to add their talents to this celebration, please don't hesitate to put them in touch with me, or simply come join us as we begin preparations for it.

On a very personal note, this up-coming 2011–2012 concert season is a most special one because it marks my 40th year as conductor of The McLean Symphony. I hope that in addition to supporting the musical events at Emmanuel, you will make the time to look up the orchestra's schedule and join us for several of this year's programs, the first which is October 22, at 7:30. Season brochures are available in the church narthex.

Until next time, I am
Faithfully yours,

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50TH ANNIVERSARY GIVING

“FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO HERE OFFER THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE.”

Emmanuel members can show their generosity by giving 50th Anniversary gifts that are separate from, and in addition to, giving for current expenses and benevolence budgets. We ask that you prayerfully consider this demonstration of Faith at Emmanuel. Multiple weekly contributions using noted weekly offering envelopes and one-time gifts out of savings or investments will be used for Sanctuary and kitchen improvements as well as contributions to local, national, and international benevolence.

The Charter Members of Emmanuel asked in the early 1960s to *“Teach Me, O God, To Rearrange My Living So That I May Rearrange My Giving.”* That same prayer is relevant today. Sanctuary improvements include the newly installed audio system so that we all may better hear the Word. Kitchen improvements will involve rehabilitation to meet nutritional, food safety, and environmental rules. Multiple weekly contributions or one-time gifts can be placed in offering envelopes or sent to the Church Office with the notation of being for the 50th Anniversary Fund.



**Fun Bunch
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OWLS
(Older Wiser Lutherans)

October 10, 2011
Noon

The OWLS will meet on Monday, October 10 at noon for a catered lunch and a presentation on medication safety (a suggested donation of \$6 for the lunch). Jennifer Lewis will be our presenter. Jennifer suggests that participants bring a list of what medicines they are currently taking since she will also cover medicine interactions. There will be time for questions afterward.

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