



EMMANUEL MESSENGER

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Honoring Our Heroes

On the weekend of November 14 & 15, we will be Honoring Our Heroes as we remember those who in the past have served our country in the military as well as those who are currently serving our country. This is in conjunction with Veterans Day on November 11.

A form will be made available in the mini-messenger in late October/early November for you to give names of those past and present that you would like to honor for serving our country. These individuals (names) will be honored via video at our worship on November 14 & 15.

Family Dinner and a Movie Night!

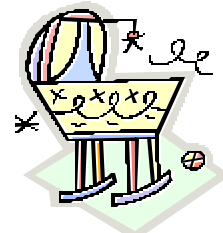


Saturday, November 14- 6pm at Emmanuel

Everyone is invited to join us for a pizza dinner followed by the family movie "Up". Dinner will include pizza, salad, and dessert. Please sign up so we can know how much pizza to order. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and youth (13 and over), \$3.00 for children age 4-12, and under age 4 are free. Come out and enjoy dinner and movie with the family!

Plot Summary: From Disney•Pixar comes "Up," a comedy adventure about 78-year-old

balloon salesman Carl Fredricksen, who finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on the trip: an overly optimistic 9-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell. Rated PG.



NEW NURSERY POLICY

Due to food allergy issues, and with the exception of fruit juice and water, Emmanuel will no longer permit outside food or drink to be brought into the nursery. This new policy is effective Sunday, October 25th. Additionally, we will have "allergy safe" snacks on hand in the nursery at all times. If you have any questions or concerns related to the new policy, please contact Judy Cook.

"WHERE DO I FIT IN?"

Emmanuel Lutheran has recently updated its Gifts and Skills Inventory. We would like all members to fill one out so that we know how you are serving the ministry at Emmanuel, or how you might like to serve the ministry and mission we have at Emmanuel. The inventories are located at the "WHERE DO I FIT IN?" display in the gathering area. Please take time to look one over and fill it out! If you are not sure what your spiritual gifts are or where you may best serve, there is a Spiritual Gifts discovery packet at the same display that walks a person through determining their spiritual gifts and what areas might best suit them for service. We give thanks that God has blessed all of us for gifts in ministry to share the good news of Christ in our world today!"



MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, November 7 - 7:30 AM

The next Men's Breakfast will begin a discussion and study entitled "**A Man and his World**". The study will be led by Dan Putman. It will focus on topics such as work, children, marriage, money and others. This will continue for several months and should prove to be an interesting topic. The meeting runs from 7:30 to 9:00 AM.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

EMPHASIS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

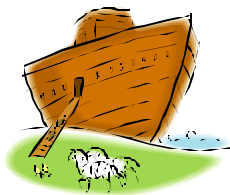
We will be honoring the men and women, past and present, in the military. Please fill out a form on the table in the narthex so that we will have the names of all those to be recognized at our services on November 14th & 15th.

There will also be a FREE luncheon following the last service on Sunday, the 15th. All current and past service men & women of Emmanuel and your relatives and friends who are or were in the military are invited to enjoy the food and fellowship that day. Please sign up at the table in the narthex so we know how much food to prepare.

We have a Wish List of items that we will collect and take to the Michigan Veterans Foundation Detroit Veterans Center. Pick up your copy attached to the box in the narthex and then return your donations to the box.

HOLIDAY CARDS TO BENEFIT SEEDLINGS BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Holiday cards can be purchased at the Seedlings office, 14151 Farmington Road, Mon-Fri, 9-5; 10 cards for \$10.



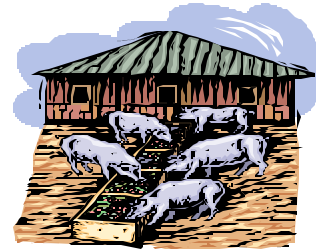
NOAH'S ARK

If you haven't seen the wonderful wall mural in the pre-school room, check it out and give a BIG thanks to Jonel Carswell. And, then give an additional thank you to Margaret Smith for coming up with the note-card idea to generate funds which will be used by the Social Concerns Committee for outreach to

the needy. Please check out the display in the narthex; cards are 5 for \$5.00.

CHARITY EVENT VOLUNTEERS - One more charity event is scheduled for this year at Doc's Sports Retreat at 7 Mile and Haggerty to help the Dragston family purchase a wheel-chair lift for their van. Volunteers are needed to sit behind a table and keep track of the proceeds. There are times available each day from noon to 2am. [Put in an hour or as many as you can.]

Give your name to Pastor Walt if interested along with the day and times you might be interested in helping: November 11, 12, 13 & 14



A hearty thank you to all who donated money towards the purchase of pigs in honor of Pastor Dickinson's years of ministry. At least 73 pigs will be purchased. {\$280.00 was also donated to the ELCA Hunger Appeal since the party in September.}

ACTION

We thank *Debbie Radloff* for volunteering as Emmanuel's ACTION representative for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. She will be bringing various ideas of how Emmanuel can be supportive of this all volunteer group.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

You can see God's hand at work through our congregational giving as Emmanuel's income has kept pace with expenses, through the month of August, despite the current economic conditions. Plus, the church staff and council have been working hard to keep expenses in check. We can all thank the Lord for Emmanuel's financial status. However, we are not out of the woods yet. The congregation needs to continue with this level of giving for the church to meet future expenses, while the church staff and council continue to find ways to keep the church expenses in line with income.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Edna Mansfield, Colleen Bonner
- 2 Delores Rajala
- 3 Retta Parks
- 4 Kirsten Grandahl-Wells
- 5 Jeff Scupholm, Thomas Shaker
- 8 Nancy Pickelhaupt, Ashley Rowe, Casey Farren
- 9 Kelly Patrick, Alan Miller
- 10 Cyril VanLoke
- 11 Paul Sgriccia, Bill Norman, Bobbe Dauer, Brian McDonald, Ryan Seiler
- 12 Kevin Haman
- 13 Lucas Stahl, Karen Sessler
- 14 Dorothy Trent, Jamie Seiler
- 15 Steve Tempe
- 16 Madison & Mackenzie Dewhirst, Dorothy Carlson, Grace LaFreniere
- 18 Ryan Davis
- 20 Pastor Scott Sessler, Debbie Westfall, Matthew Pinnick, Elizabeth Modin, Shanon Falgate
- 21 Tony Beauvais
- 22 Jonathon Siegle, Barbara Scupholm
- 23 Brian Radloff
- 24 Andrew Haman, Joshua Dragston, Hailey Waltsgott, Mikaela Carlson
- 25 George Leviska
- 27 Diane Owens, Jan McDonald
- 28 Brandt Miller, Kevin Niemi
- 29 Ed Caram
- 30 Chris Barth

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound: Blanche Berry, Edna Mansfield

CANCER CONCERNS:

Members: Barb Heien, Bud Luoto, Bill Norman, Resi Richter

Family Members: Norma Gerzac (aunt of Ed Caram); Nelly Erneta (mother of Patti Shaefer), Trudy Schaefer (sister of Betty Orr); Jerry Neese (father of Judy Cook); John Chalfa (Craig & Lynn Leach sister-in-law's father); Karin Stachowski (sister of Cheryl Phillips); Kelly Hill (sister of Megan Waters); Andy Wilder (uncle of Jake Bietzel)

Friends: Beth Flory (friend of the Graff Family); Torri Hoard (friend of Tony Amann); Maryann and Lora (friends of Linnea Schulz); Christine Salata (friend of Sue Dickinson); Joyce Powers (friend of Diane Plath); Torri Hoard (friend of Tony Amann); Joyce Rhinehart (friend of Bud & Diane Luoto); Paul Hooper (friend of Bud & Diane Luoto); Denise Grote (friend of Bud & Diane Luoto); Penny King (friend of Ann Walker, Bud & Diane Luoto); Leslie (friend of Jim Messineo) 26 year old daughter has cancer; Judy (friend of Lois Scupholm);

Pam (friend of Lois Scupholm); Dave Navarre (co-worker of Fran Gee); Gloria Lagrant (friend of Fran Gee); Lora (neighbor of Linnea & Robert Schulz); Carrie Kerby (friend of Jerry & Linda Bricker); Frank (friend of Renauds); George Stephens (friend of the Finkenbines); Gilbert Terri (friend of Marge Stuebben); Aram Markosian (friend of Jake Beitzel); Marlo Kelly (friend of Cindee Stilwell); Charla Andreson (neighbor of Phyllis Heckemeyer); Carol Johnson (friend of Judy Martin); Jackie Z. (friend of Becky Enderlen); Brian Wilson (friend of Becky Perian)

OTHER MEDICAL CONCERNS

Mr. Ammon (friend of Toni Patterson) in hospice; Leola Shankleton (Craig & Lynn Leach sister's mother-in-law) surgery for broken hip; Pauline Schaffer (mother of Dawn Acosta & Paula Jackson) hospitalized for tests; George Duggan (father of Abby Edwards) cataract surgery; Ronnie Powers (friend of Diane Plath) cancer surgery; Norma Gerzac (aunt of Ed Caram) last stages of cancer; Michelle Wylis (granddaughter of Janice Thrasher) treatments for Krohns disease; Art Woelke (brother of Betty Orr) diagnostic tests; Ryan Tobin (nephew of friend of Marci Abel) 2 week, old open heart surgery; Allan Emley (brother of Barb Finkenbine) hospitalized with chest pains; Lorraine Renaud minor surgery; Joyce Gonaam (sister-in-law of Gloria Currie) test at hospital; Erwin Paschke (uncle of Diane Nielson) recovering from bypass surgery; Leola Shankleton (Craig & Lynn Leach sister's mother-in-law) 3rd surgery in 3 months; Fred Koepke surgery for intestinal obstruction; Kipp Drayer (nephew of Matt Pinnick) hospitalized with burns from accident; Gloria Angove (friend of Kim Love) pain from back surgery; Ian Thrasher (grandson of Janice Thrasher) substance abuse issues; Jackie Hansen (friend of Barbara Heien) unknown illness; Joyce Martin (friend of Betty Orr) recovering from a fall; Roy Young (co-worker of Martin Rometsch) surgery to remove brain tumor; Kathy Bush (co-worker of Roy Finkenbine) mass on her pancreas; Jackson Nitz (grandson of Dean and Lorna Nitz) very ill with pneumonia complications; Bryce Vande Kieft bacterial infection of GI tract; Chase Smith (son of friend of Judy Cook) serious complications from broken ankle; David Gee (brother of Fran Gee) broken & dislocated ribs; Gloria Angove (friend of Kim Love) recovering from surgery; Debbie Rajala getting a shot for pain in her back; Connie Evans (niece of Betty Orr) Crohn's disease; Mark Caram (nephew of Ed Caram) heart problems; Katie Nicholls (friend's daughter of Abby Edwards) head injury from car accident.

Our Sympathy to:

The Standen family (friend of Carole Edwards) on death of son; The family of Mildred Christie (aunt of Katie Vote) on the death of her sister; The Fitzpatrick/Banach family (relative of Tina Banach) on Fern Fitzpatrick's death; The Chalfa family (Craig & Lynn Leach brother's father-in-law) on the death of the father; The Markosian family (friend of Jake Beitzel) on the death of son/brother; The family of Shirley Durocher (aunt of Craig & Lynn Leach) on her death, The family of John Decker (friend of Toni Patterson) on his death.

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HARVEST POTLUCK AND WORSHIP SERVICE -

Sunday, November 22nd, 4:30 p.m.

Emmanuel family and friends are invited to join us for a Harvest Potluck dinner on Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 4:30 p.m. followed by a Thanksgiving Worship Service. Families are asked to bring (2) passing dishes (potato/rice, vegetable, salad, or desert) that serves 10-12 people. In lieu of the passing dishes, families may opt to bring a turkey or ham instead. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up as well.

Those who wish to come for the worship service only should arrive at 6:00 p.m.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER POSITION

- **Sunday Morning Coordinator** - Emmanuel is looking for those who might be willing to help us out on Sunday mornings. Since our Christian Ed Director may not always be on-site, one or more individuals are needed to help out with collecting offering and attendance sheets, monitoring classrooms, assisting teachers as needed with supplies and/or copies, ensuring staff presence, general managing, etc. If you can lend a hand, please see Judy Cook or sign up on the bulletin board.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - New

volunteers are needed to serve in Emmanuel's nursery during the 9:30 Contemporary Worship. If you can lend a hand, please sign up on the clipboard on the table in the narthex.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday mornings at

9:30 a.m. Led by Roy Finkenbine and Jackie Rau
The Sermon on the Mount - A Radical Way of Being God's People - Here are the "ground rules" for the kingdom of heaven! In this intensive study, author Gladys Hunt shows how Jesus' message encapsulates all of the New Testament preaching on how to live the Christian life. A perceptive and practical study for all Christians, The Sermon on the Mount introduces needed principles given by the God who understands us. Cost of the book is \$6.00.

MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE - Big Questions

About the Book of Faith Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 21st at Emmanuel. Led by Judy Cook. More than a standard biblical reference book, Making Sense of Scripture is a dialogue that encourages participants to bring their questions or doubts to the table. There are different

opportunities for us to interact with the Bible, ultimately leaving room for personal transformation of the heart and mind.

We'll look at questions such as: "*Where Did the Bible Come From?*", "*How Can I Read the Bible with Better Understanding?*", and "*What Kind of Authority Does the Bible Hold?*". Join us on Wednesday nights and find out. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board. The cost of the book is \$13.00.

IN SEARCH OF THE UNCHURCHED - Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., Nov. 3, 10, and 17, and Dec. 1 and 8 at Emmanuel. Led by Pastor Scott. Who are the unchurched in our communities? Why are they unchurched? Can the local congregation do anything to bring the unchurched back into the church? Questions like these are the focus of this 5-week course entitled "In Search of the Unchurched". We will look at who the unchurched are in our communities, why they have decided not to be a part of a local congregation, and what the local church can do to effectively reach out to the unchurched person. The resource and content of this course was developed and written by Alan C. Klaas and is an Alban Institute publication. Come and join us as we come to better understand the unchurched population and look at new and innovative ways to share the gospel within our communities. Cost of book is \$14.00.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THE CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES HAVE CHANGE:

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 AAUW Board, 7 In Search of Unchurched, 7	4 NA, 7	5 MOPS, 9:30 Bells, 6:15 RFA, 6:30 Choir, 7:15	6	7 Worship, 5
8 Catechism, 3:30 Sr. High, 6:30	9 Open Arms Bible Study, 7-8	10 Livonia Friends & Neighbors, 7 In Search of Unchurched, 7	11 NA, 7	12 MOMS, 10 Cluster Meeting, noon Bells, 6:15 RFA, 6:30 Choir, 7:15	13	14 Worship, 5
15 Sr. High, 6:30	16	17 AAUW, 7 In Search of Unchurched, 7	18 NA, 7	19 MOPS, 9:30 Bells, 6:15 RFA, 6:30 Choir, 7:15	20	21 Worship, 5
22 Catechism, 3:30 Harvest Potluck, 4:30 With Worship to follow Sr High, 6:30	23	24	25 NA, 7	26 	27	28 Worship, 5
29 Sr. High, 6:30	30					

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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Dorothy Trent, Music Director - 313-537-1394; Valorie McCune, Contemporary Worship Leader

Laurie Davis, Secretary; Marilyn Kramer, Secretary – 248-442-8822

Judy Cook, Parish Ed Director, 248-442-0307; Rebecca Couser, Youth & Family Ministry Director

Travis Nixon, Treasurer; Nursery Attendant: Colleen Bonner, 9:00/9:30;

Part-time Custodian, Bill Boone

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Worship schedule: Saturday, 5pm; Sunday, 8:00 9:30 and 11:00; Sunday school 9:30.