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# The Herald

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**PARSONAGE, NEW YORK**  
**FEBRUARY 2008**

## *Pastor Folwaczny's Message .....*

### Lenten Shadows

Lent is about to begin. This powerful season of the church year invites us to focus differently. Instead of focusing on celebration and rejoicing we are called to quiet contemplation. This year we will journey from the shadows of our brokenness to the light of our wholeness in Jesus Christ. The topics will include the shadows of betrayal, of being a servant, of denial, of false accusation, of last chances, and finally of death. Each topic is based on a Gospel account from either Mark or Luke or John.

Our Wednesday nights will begin with a light meal at 6 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m. Worship will last 45 to 50 minutes in order that our choir can rehearse afterward. Ashes will be a part of our first Wednesday night service. They serve as a visible mark of our mortality and humility.

The purpose of Lenten is to prepare us for the intensity of Holy Week and joy of Easter. I encourage you to find time to worship, pray, reflect, and humble yourself this Lent. Find ways to focus on the humanity of Jesus and his struggles with Satan and evil. Consider how His love and devotion have brought you out of the shadows of your sinfulness and delivered you into the glory of God's grace.

God bless you on your Lenten journey.  
Pastor Folwaczny

**SOCIAL MINISTRY**  
**2008 MEETINGS**

**JANUARY 14**

**FEBRUARY 11**

**MARCH 10**

**APRIL 14**

**MAY 12** (*subject to change if Nancy is away*)

**JUNE 9**

**JULY 14, AUGUST 11** (*subject to change, might combine-one ornament meeting?*)

**SEPTEMBER 8**

**OCTOBER 13**

**NOVEMBER 10**

**DECEMBER 8**



**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Social Ministry will be hosting the Lenten Service dinner on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for a hearty meal at 6:00 pm and a wonderful service at 7:00 pm.

We are asking for donations of gift baskets and/or gift certificates for Italian Night, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We can also use brand new (not even a little bit used) items, which we can put together to make gift baskets. Maybe you received Christmas gifts that are really not you? Instead of putting them in closets or your attic, please donate them – we will put them to good use! Please contact Rosemarie (758-3832) or Nancy (654-3205) if you have any items to donate.

Nancy Layman  
Social Ministry Chairperson



*Just wanted to extend a special" thank you" to my Emanuel Family for your prayers. Your prayers truly help with my recovery.*

*Sincerely,*

*Eileen Schiebl*

**Save the  
date!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



## **ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER**

**HOSTED BY THE SOCIAL MINISTRY  
COMMITTEE**

**To benefit Wounded Warriors &  
Project Sunshine**

**SATURDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 - 7:30 PM  
At Emanuel Lutheran Church**

### **Mrs. Joerz's Praline Peach Pancakes**



#### **Syrup**

½ cup maple flavored syrup  
¼ cup pecan pieces  
1 medium peach chopped

#### **Pancakes**

2 cups of pancake mix or Bisquick  
1 cup of milk  
2 tablespoons of pecan pieces  
1 tablespoon of packed brown sugar  
1 egg  
2/3 cup of peach yogurt

In 1-quart saucepan, heat all syrup ingredients over low heat, stirring occasionally, until hot; keep warm. Heat griddle to 375 °F or heat skillet over medium heat; grease with shortening if necessary (or spray with cooking spray before heating). In large bowl, stir all pancake ingredients until blended. Pour batter by slightly less than 1/4 cupfuls onto hot griddle. Cook until edges are dry. Turn; cook other sides until golden brown. Serve with syrup.

## **Couples Club**

We enjoyed another festive occasion with food, fellowship and fun at our annual Christmas Party. Once again George Barrett arranged for us to rent the VFW Hall in Patchogue and everyone brought delicious contributions to our evening. We raised over \$2500 with our Christmas ornament auction. Everyone was very generous and we decided to share the money between three very worthwhile ministries - Food for the Poor, The Smile Train, and Wounded Warrior.

On a bittersweet note, we were able to "serenade" Bill and Chris Donaldson and wish them well as they prepare to head to Florida in the beginning of 2008. Our very own "Village People" sang about The Villages where the Donaldsons will be living. Ready for a scavenger hunt in Florida? We are thankful that we have shared living life with them and they will always be part of the Couples Club to us.

Have a blessed 2008 and check for future Couples Club events.

## Principal's Report

**Accepting Registrations for the 2008/2009 school year.** Please call our office at 758-2250 for more information. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about our school grades K-8, please join us. Visitors are invited to visit with the teachers and tour our facilities. Learn more about our Preschool on Sat. April 5 at 10am. The Preschool will be staffed and operational, so that you and your child can experience our program.

### Year Book Ads and Congratulatory

**messages:** The Emanuel Lutheran School Yearbook has availability for ads and messages of congratulations. Please see the enclosed form if you are interested.

**Consider sending your child to your Church's school. Please visit us any day of the week or at our Open House to learn about our outstanding academic program and the caring Christian environment in which we operate.**

**Church Members should inquire about member discounts. Tuition assistance is available for all who qualify. Family discounts are available.**

**Ground Hog Day: Send your child to Emanuel for a day to be the AShadow@ of one of our current students.** They will have great day learning about our school. (If Ground Hog Day is not available on your calendar we will be glad to schedule another day to visit). Please call the school office to make an appointment.

**Sports News.** Basketball is underway, led by Mr. Davis. The cheerleaders, led by Miss Rogers, are doing a great job in raising everyone's team spirit! If you would like to enjoy a game, call the school office for dates and times.

**PTFL News...** Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Sweetheart Dance** will be on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12. The children and their parents will have a lovely evening.

**Lutheran School's Sunday...** We hope to see many school families with us in Church on March 2, as we celebrate our school ministry!

In His service,  
Lori Lee Joerz

## A Tribute to Gregor Mendel



7<sup>th</sup> grade

Sugar and phosphates hold  
nitrogen bases.

The bases make up our own unique  
faces.

**A** goes with **T**, and **C** goes with **G**.  
All of these bases make up you and  
me!

Mitosis makes me grow,  
From my head to my toe.

The chromosome mix,  
Goes from 23 to 46!

Gregor Mendel discovered the  
gene,

And everything in between.

He figured out the punnett square,  
And why we have straight or curly  
hair!

## **January 2008 Atlantic District E-Communiqué**

### **Spring Pastors Conference**

The Atlantic District Spring Pastoral Conference will be held at SonRise in Pottersville, NY Monday, May 12 through Wednesday, May 14. Pastors wishing to arrive Sunday evening May 11 are welcome and will incur no extra expense.

The theme of the conference will be "Mere Christianity in a Post-Christian World". The costs are not set in finality as of yet but it is their hope is to have the registration materials mailed out before Ash Wednesday! Pastors will register directly with SonRise which allow for their specific desires and needs to be accommodated. Back to Top

### **Save the Date**

The Eighteenth Biennial Atlantic District Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be held April 26-27, 2008 at the Courtyard Marriott, Ronkonkoma. Check out our website ([www.adlwml.org](http://www.adlwml.org)). Registration information which will be posted on the website at the end of January. Back to Top

### **Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival**

Know someone who's looking for a summer job, or are you looking for yourself? Are you an alum who's been hoping to one day be involved with LSM again? Are you a college student who's searching for a summer music internship that will give course credit(s) toward graduation? Now's your chance! LSM is now accepting applicants for 2008. Exciting new internship opportunities are available for undergraduate students, and counselor positions focused on student life are a great summer option for older college students and recent alums. Positions are listed on the Employment page of their website.

## **Save the Date**

### **February 2, 2008**

ZAP! Training Event  
Our Savior's, Colonie

### **February 9, 2008**

ZAP! Training Event  
St. James, Long Island

### **March 8, 2008**

Festival of Workshops @  
Concordia College (9am-4pm)

### **March 2-8, 2008**

National Lutheran School Week-  
("Securing Each Child's Future" Jeremiah 29:11)

### **April 6, 2008**

Mission Sunday (Atlantic  
District Congregations)

### **April 26 & 27, 2008**

Atlantic District Convention of  
the LWML (Courtyard Marriott, Ronkonkoma)

### **May 3, 2008**

ZAP! Training Event Village, Bronxville

### **2009**

### **November 6 & 7, 2009**

Pastors' Wives Retreat @ Stony Point

Thank you and God's Blessings!

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## Youth Report

A new year is here and the youth ministry too will have a new start. For the first time in 4 years Emanuel's youth ministry begins without Josh Simone. Josh will most certainly be missed by many in our congregation. He is settled in out there in Oklahoma. His new e-mail address is [js1610@gmail.com](mailto:js1610@gmail.com). I'm sure he would like to hear from his family at Emanuel.

Our Wednesday small group/bible study as well as Friday night youth nights continue to be a success. This past month we had games nights in the gym on all Friday's except for one when we took a road trip to 4 of the local fast food restaurants. Imagine the reaction we received when 24 kids rushed into McDonalds and all ordered one small item. Before we ate, the kids gathered together to give thanks to God for our meal. We got up, left and did the same thing at the next place. Amazing night.

When we got back to Emanuel is when the real fun began. The topic of discussion that night was "being a good witness" and really what that means. We looked at Corinthians 8:9 which says *be careful however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak*. Being a Christian is more than just believing in God. God calls us to be leaders and relies on us to be His witness. We talked about how each one of us are made with certain God given talents and abilities. We need to use these gifts in a way that will glorify and honor God. Really it was an amazing night... Come join us anytime.

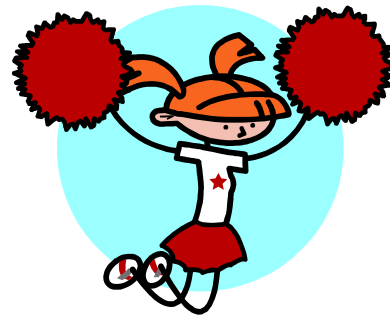
February Calendar – every Wednesday night is small group night in the youth room from 7-9. Fridays we meet in the gym from 6:30-9. We will have a rock climbing trip on the 29<sup>th</sup>. No youth group on Friday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> because we will be at our Battlecry trip on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> some of the senior youth will be heading into NYC for the NYC Relief.

Respectfully Submitted  
Rob Mantle

## Promise Keepers Schedule

PK(1) Saturdays 7am @ Davis Home  
PK(2) 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7pm @ Conf Room  
PK(3) Tuesdays 7:30am @ Pastor's Office  
PK(4) Tuesdays 7pm @ Conf Room  
PK(5) Tuesdays 6am @ Gallaer Home

We fellowship, bible study and pray for each other and the church body. We invite you to come to a meeting, or contact Jim Davis at 286-4904, for more info.



**50th Anniversary of  
Emanuel Lutheran School  
1957/1958 - 2007/2008  
Celebrating 50 years of Commitment  
to Christian Education  
Saturday, March 29, 2008  
Sunset Harbor  
90 Colonial Drive, East Patchogue  
Pictures and Yearbooks from 1957 - to  
the present will be on display  
Enjoy dancing and fellowshiping  
with old friends and new!**

**Sunday, March 30, 2008  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Join us for Sunday Church Service to  
honor God for His many blessings  
over the past 50 years**

**Inquiries call 758-2250**

## **Buildings and Grounds Report**

**Church and school** – regular cleaning has continued and has been reasonably consistent. This being said, it is important for all members of the Church to be good stewards of our buildings and grounds. Emanuel Lutheran Church is a busy place with many programs scheduled throughout the week. We must all attempt to improve the condition of our environment in any way we can. It is important to leave the buildings and grounds the way we found it or in an improved state. If you find the buildings or grounds left in an unacceptable condition please contact **Angus Graham at 631-484-0949**.

**Former Parsonage 26 Rose Avenue** – Renovations on this building are halted until the congregation votes on the future use of this building. At the point when a decision has been made we will move forward with the work on this building.

**Current Parsonage 38 Rose Avenue** –The kitchen renovation has reached the finishing stage of construction. The drywall has been installed and is being spackled. Painting and flooring are soon to follow. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the finishing of this project should speak to Eileen Carpeneto

**Technology** – A request has been made for an electrical upgrade to the tech booth in the Narthex. The upgrade is to supply more power and properly grounded power to the tech equipment. As of this time it has been reported that the current power source may be detrimental to the electronic equipment.

**Front entrance to the office area** – The interior of the front porch has made progress. More finishing work is to be done. The exterior of the building is complete for now. There may be more work done to the front entrance stair area this spring.

Work has continued on the former apartment kitchen. The room will be used as additional office/meeting space. Work is continuing on this project.

**Buildings and Grounds would like to have a fundraising event in the form of a large multi-family yard sale. The proceeds of this sale would go towards building improvements to be made over the upcoming summer. The sale would take place in the late spring in the rear parking area. (Possibly on the same day as the sidewalk sale day) Members of the church as well as school families would be asked for donations. All donations will be receipted and donors will be given a final receipt for tax purposes.**

Angus Graham





***Our President's Message.....***

“But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;” 1 Peter 3:15 ESV

At the January Council meeting the following discussion or motions took place:

The Council approved of the budget presented by Treasurer Bob Thompson after much discussion. The Council recommended approval of the budget by the Congregation at our January meeting setting the amount at \$391,200.00. 7 yes, 3 no.

The Youth Director vacancy was presented by Rob Mantle with a recommendation to consider a part time position to be filled by Justin Vetano, currently serving a local congregation as Youth Director. The discussion will continue at the Feb meeting when final details can be worked out.

Buildings and Grounds Chairman Angus Graham presented a proposal for a joint Church and School Fund Raiser in late Spring or Early Summer. Funds raised will go towards capital improvements for the Church and School. Council approved the motion unanimously.

The Congregation Meeting Agenda was discussed and one change was made to the Mission Society motion which now reads as follows: the Council approved a motion to recommend to Emanuel Congregation to support the outreach of Circuit 12 Mission Society and offer 26 Rose Ave as a residence/office covering utilities and maintenance when the Society finalizes incorporation procedures. 8 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain

The Council approved the 2008 Missions presented by the Mission Committee and recommended approval by the Congregation.

Feb., Habitat for Humanity	Mar., Youth Missions Trip	Apr., VBS
May., Life Center for L.I.	June., Concordia College	July., Camp Sunrise
Aug., Atlantic District	Sep., Samaritans Purse	Oct., Women's Abuse Shelter
Nov., Food for the Poor	Dec., NYC Relief	Jan 09, Youth Mentoring

Mark you calendar: 06 FEB, Ash Wednesday, Family Soup Supper. Lenten services will be held at 7:00 PM on Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12 following a family soup supper.

02 March, Lutheran Schools Sunday and Friendship Sunday

16 March, Palm Sunday, First Communion

20 March, Maundy Thursday

21 March, Good Friday - Shrine trip leaving church at 6:30 AM, 7:00 at the Shrine

23 March, Easter Sunday