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Pastor Folwaczny's Message

MARCH BLESSINGS

March is full of wonderful blessings this year. A quick review might help us focus on all that God is doing to bless us. First there's Easter and the joy of our resurrection celebration. Like the early Christians we understand Christ being raised from the dead as pivotal to our identity. Because He lives we know we will live! All of our lives are based in the victory our Lord has won for over not only sin and Satan, but even over death.

Second we get to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week. Of the almost 6,000 churches that make up our Synod, almost 2,000 of them have schools or preschools. That makes Lutheran schools the second largest nonpublic school system in the country. We are blessed to be celebrating the 50th anniversary of our own Emanuel Lutheran School (ELS) this year. There's a banquet, a special service, and other activities that you will be invited to.

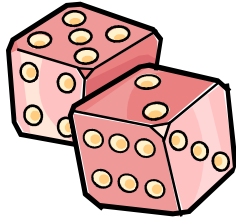
Third, March will see the birth of a brand new mission society in our area. As LCMS Districts will no longer be forming and funding specialized ministries we are happy to be among the first of the "new wave" of churches that organize themselves locally. Much more information is coming soon.

Finally, we're moving forward as we seek to strengthen our youth ministry. As difficult as it was to lose Josh Simone to his seminary studies, we've been blessed to interview qualified replacements. I think there will be some great news coming to our youth and their families this month.

May God continue to shower His blessings on us! Have a very blessed and happy March.

Pastor

GO FOR THE GREEN



Couples Club Annual or Almost Annual GO FOR THE GREEN will be hosted by the Gallaers on March 14th at 7 PM. BYOB, an appetizer to share, and \$5 per couple. We will have an evening of games, fellowship, fun, and, of course, food. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. For more information call any of the officers. Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day. Carl & Barbara Johanntges, George & Nancy Barrett, Flo & Bob Ponzio, Stu & Gloria Jones

Social Ministry

A GIANT Thank You to everyone for your contributions on Souperbowl Sunday! We collected \$505.25, and Thrivent matched \$500.00, so we were able to give \$1005.25 to Trinity Inn. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

Please remember - Italian Night is Saturday, May 3rd. We are asking for donations of gift baskets and/or brand new items that we can combine to make gift baskets. If you have anything to donate, please contact me at 654-3205.

Nancy Layman
Social Ministry Chairperson



**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



2008 March/April Principal's Report

March is Lutheran School's Month!

Emanuel will join in the many Lutheran schools across the country in this celebration. The festivities will begin on Sunday, March 2 at 9am with a special Church service. Teachers and students will be participating in this service in many ways. Throughout the week the students will have a chance to dress up, do special things, make ice cream sundaes and have their parents visit! Sounds like fun! Please keep Emanuel and all Lutheran Schools in your prayers this week and always. **What a blessing that God has provided us with a place that His children can call out His name!** Look for the many ways that the classes have planned to recognize the support of Emanuel Lutheran Church!

Chuck-E-Cheeze Night! Thursday, March 6 3-9pm Emanuel Lutheran School receives a percentage of the sales for that evening!

Golf Outing: Put June 2 on your calendar now for our annual golf outing!

Basketball Season Thanks to Coach Davis and Mr. Iasenza, our Athletic Director, for a great season. Thanks most of all to the team. It was a blessing to see such God pleasing sportsmanship displayed. They played very well. At the time of this writing, they are undefeated!

Cheerleading Coach, Miss Rogers, led the girls in some fantastic cart wheeling and shouting out for the "Saints"!

Campbell's Soup Labels and Big G Boxtops for Education: Emanuel continues to collect these labels to purchase equipment.

You are welcome to Visit: Anyone interested in our school is welcome to visit during the school day...spread the news. Call the school office to schedule an appointment.

Family Fun Nights: Mr. Iasenza will be leading the students and their parents in relay races and other games. March 18 grades 6, 7, and 8. March 25 grades 3, 4, and 5. March 27 grades K, 1, 2. Have fun kids! Don't forget to have the heating pad ready for your parents the next day!!!

Live Bookfair: Keep open on your calendar for an exciting visit by a real live children's author who will be signing his books here at Emanuel!

ESCAPE... Do you need a place for your child to spend the day during the summer? We offer a program for Nursery and Kindergarten age children and another program for grades 1-6. Care is available from 7:00am - 6:00pm. The children have craft activities and go on different field trips during the day. Please call the school office for more information.

ECE Conference...Our Nursery staff will be attending the annual Early Childhood Educators Conference on April 4.

YMCA... The swimming program is for grades K-3. Fun and safety is the goal for those classes.

Middle School Dance at Long Island Lutheran High School! Our Middle School students will be enjoying a great time at Lu Hi, Brookville on May 16 from 4- 6. Our thanks to them for the invitation!

PTFL NEWS... Joe Corbi's Pizza and Cookie sale will begin soon. Contact the school office if you would like to order this delicious pizza. It can be kept in the freezer and heated up in eight minutes! The cookies are a yummy treat!

Annual Pancake breakfast for the students in celebration of Easter will be on March 19. **I hear that the flippers have an extra big one for Pastor Folwaczny!!!**

Science Fair and Art Show... Emanuel students will have their projects and art work on display in the gym and throughout the halls **April 14th through the 18th**. Stop into see their hard work and creativity.

Student Council... Members of the student Council will be hosting a bake sale to raise money for the year during Parent Teacher Conferences on April 16th and 17th.

In His Service,

*Lori Lee Joerz
Principal*

Emanuel Lutheran School

Annual Golf Outing



Pine Hill Country Club

Monday, June 2nd, 2008

For Information:

Kevin Brazier (631) 286-1400

For Reservations:

Jackie Stoeckert (631) 758-2250

Mrs. Joerz's Corned Beef &



Cabbage Dinner

INGREDIENTS

1 to 1 ½ lbs of small red potatoes
2 cups fresh baby carrots
1 medium onion chopped
1 corned beef brisket with seasoning packet
2 cups apple juice
water
1 head of cabbage cut into wedges

Place potatoes, carrots and onion in 5 to 6 1/2-quart slow cooker. Top with corned beef brisket; sprinkle with contents of seasoning packet. Add apple juice and enough water to just cover brisket. Cover; cook on low setting for 10 to 12 hours. **OR** place in large pot, bring to a boil, lower flame, cover and simmer 3 hours.

About 40 minutes before serving, remove beef from slow cooker; place on serving platter and cover to keep warm. Add cabbage wedges to vegetables and broth in slow cooker. Increase heat setting to high; cover and cook an additional 30 to 35 minutes or until cabbage is crisp-tender. **OR** again, use pot, cover and cook an additional 40 minutes or until cabbage is crisp-tender. Meanwhile, while vegetables are cooking:

Horseradish Sauce

½ cup sour cream
¼ cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

In small bowl, combine all horseradish sauce ingredients; mix well.

To serve, cut corned beef across grain into thin slices. With slotted spoon, remove vegetables from slow cooker. Serve corned beef and vegetables with sauce.



Buildings and Grounds

Think Security. Think security when you are using the buildings and grounds of Emanuel Lutheran Church. We are all members of the Church and we all have a responsibility to take care of our Church. This means that unless there is a special reason, all exterior doors should be closed and locked. If you find a door unlocked report it. If you find a door open and unattended – close it. Vigilance is the most effective form of security we have. If you see an unfamiliar face wandering around the building – introduce yourself. We should all get to know each other as members of the congregation. We should know who belongs in the building and who does not.

Think Cleanliness. Think cleanliness when you are on the grounds of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Yes, we have part time paid cleaners, but Emanuel runs day and night and as you all should know our budget is limited. Remember that this is a CHURCH. Whether it is in the sanctuary, in Zoller Hall, in the offices or in the parking lot – we are members of this Church and we must all help to keep it clean. Whether it is your mess, someone else's mess or a mess that just blew in off Main Street, we must all respect our Church and do what is necessary to keep it clean.

Think Service. Think about serving in the Church. Your talents are needed. Whether you have a gift for front line ministry or in a support ministry such as Buildings and Grounds – your Church needs your help. Think about what you are drawn to and ask about getting involved in serving in that capacity. Don't be shy, there are open arms awaiting you, we need your help. If you are interested in serving think about how much time you have and when you will be available and give the appropriate council position a call. If you are not sure whom to call, call the President or Vice President.

26 Rose Avenue is being readied for March 1st occupancy. Work is progressing well and is on time.

38 Rose - The kitchen is progressing – the kitchen has been sheet-rocked and painted and the cabinets have been installed. Work is continuing on the back porch.

Volunteers are needed for grounds clean up. We need to sweep the parking lot and rake the flowerbeds. Please call 484-0949.



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



ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER

**HOSTED BY THE SOCIAL MINISTRY
COMMITTEE**
To benefit Wounded Warriors &
Project Sunshine

SATURDAY, May 3rd, 2008 - 7:30 PM
At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday Evening Service

Praise God...as of this writing we have only had our first Sunday Night service, which is predominantly for our Soup Kitchen guests. It was amazing. Before the service, Kevin and I prayed that even 3 people would show up for the service. Then, to our amazement (but not God's) we had 26 people come up to our chapel after soup kitchen for worship music, prayer, and a short message. Jimmy Davis gave the message this week, and it was all about God's "GIFT" to us, given freely to all. At least six people stayed after for personal prayer time with Jim and thankfully, Tom Pfister came down to lend a helping hand with that.

It was fabulous and more than any of us could have hoped for. I can't even describe it to you all. How humbling to be so in God's word and ministering to those in need. I had more than 1 guest come up to me afterwards and thank me for our church and all that they are doing and welcoming them into our church. One man went away with tear filled eyes saying "thank you for all you are doing here...it is just what I needed today." Another left saying "Thank God I came here today". Another telling how angry he was when he came and how grateful he was for being here now.

I encourage all to get involved with this amazing ministry. I truly feel this is going to be something to behold. If you would like to be a reader, help with the music, or even to a teaching...please give us a call (Kevin 751-1890) or just come on down an experience this! I promise you won't be disappointed. Join us for dinner as well. We start dinner at 4 pm and the doors for worship open at 4:45 pm. We end before 6 pm. It is a very, very informal service. Please join us.



Memorials Winter 2008

For: Al Leonhardt
From: Ken & Millie Schwindt

For: Eileen Herbs
From: John & Pamela Williams
Marg & Chris Larsen

For: Mary Flood
From: Georgianne Madden

For: Matt Widera
From: Ken & Millie Schwindt

For: Marilyn Cardamone
From: Barbara & John Janis,
Audrey M. Bowen

For: John Belmonte
From: Helen Knatz



Baptisms

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| Jessica Le-an Sicari Brown | 11-14-07 |
| Alexander James Norris | 12-23-07 |
| Marissa Natalee LaSorsa | 2-17-08 |



Weddings

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| Kevin LoRe and Nichole Michelle Sagalione | 12-29-07 |
| Bryan M. Kirkau and Michelle L. Wolf | 2-16-08 |



Women For Christ (LWML)

Our first meeting of the year was on January 9th at Marie Paxon's home. We enjoyed a delicious collection of Marie's home baked cakes and cookies. Gus joined us for refreshments and we were happy he was feeling better. In the comfortable setting of their lovely home, we had an afternoon of business and fellowship.

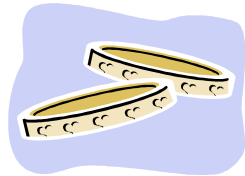
On February 2nd, we hosted a breakfast for the Suffolk Zone LWML meeting. It was an opportunity for us to learn more of LWML affairs and upcoming events.

We continue to collect items for baby layettes and recently sent out a package of 14 layettes for Lutheran World Relief.

Also, remember the MITES!!!! Some mite boxes are on the table in the narthex along with a carton to place your collected mites in.

Thank you dear members for supporting our missions,

A joyous Easter to all from the Women for Christ



Promise Keepers Schedule

PK(1) Saturdays 7am @ Davis Home
PK(2) 2nd/4th 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETINGS

MARCH 10

APRIL 14

MAY 12 (might change if Nancy is away)

JUNE 9

JULY 14, AUGUST 11 (might combine-one ornament meeting?)

SEPTEMBER 8

OCTOBER 13

NOVEMBER 10

DECEMBER 8



Irish Soda Bread



3 tablespoons butter, softened
2 ½ cup of all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1/3 cup raisins
¾ cup buttermilk

Heat oven to 375°F. Grease cookie sheet.
Cut butter into flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt in large bowl, using pastry blender or crisscrossing 2 knives, until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in raisins and just enough buttermilk so dough leaves side of bowl.
Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead 1 to 2 minutes or until smooth. Shape into round loaf, about 6 1/2 inches in diameter. Place on cookie sheet. Cut an X shape about 1/2 inch deep through loaf with floured knife.
Bake 35 to 45 minutes or until golden brown. Brush with beaten egg white, if desired