

THE ANNOUNCER

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Mission/Purpose Statement

To reach out and help our community grow in Christ
and encourage each other to use our gifts to glorify God.

Vision Statement

To reach out with the good news of Christ's love, offering inspirational
Worship, education and services that reflects the ages,
families and ethnic backgrounds of our community.

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Prayer Requests
 Call the church office at (952) 888-2345 with your prayer requests Monday – Friday. If you want a pastoral visit or would like to be included in pastoral prayers during worship, you may call the church office or indicate your request on a pew card.

Are You in Need of Pastoral Care?
 If you, or a family member, would like a visit from the pastor, please call the church office at (952) 888-2345.

Address Correction
 Please help us keep your address and phone number current by notifying the church office of any changes. Thank you!

Message from Pastor Dan

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

If you plant a tree, it begins to grow; if you plant a post, it begins to decay.

These lines introduced an article I recently read which told of an old farmer who, in the prayer meetings of his church, always worked the following into his own testimony: "Well, I'm not making much progress, but I'm established!"

One spring, when this same farmer was hauling a load of logs, his wagon sank in the mud in a rut in the road and his team couldn't pull it out. As he sat on top of the logs contemplating his dilemma, a neighbor, who was a member of the same church, came along and greeted him: "Well, brother Jones, I see you are not making much progress, but you certainly are established."

Now, while the neighbor's attitude seems to be dreadfully devoid of the spirit of the Good Samaritan, he does make a significant point: To be established may at times come close to being stuck in a rut.

The Holy Emmanuel family of believers has been rather well established for a long time. I'm not so sure though, that being "established" is what we want to be known for, and surely we are known for much more. The point however is, it's so very easy to be in a rut and feel comfortable in it.

Ordinarily, June, or the summer in general, is not considered a likely time in the life of any church to accomplish anything revolutionary in terms of positive growth and development. But then we have been known to do

some things in a somewhat non-conventional manner, and I'd like to suggest that it's time we do it again! So let's enthusiastically close ranks and:

See the summer as a time to grow in our personal faith through faithful prayer, devotion and worship;

Invite and encourage others to join us;

Remember the church's financial needs during the summer by sending in our offerings when we are away.

This summer let us show the Bloomington community that we are more than just established. May the summer months be a time for us to continue moving forward in mission and ministry.

Confidently believing,

Rev. Dan L. Siedenburg
Intentional Interim Pastor



Morning Bible Study

9:15 a.m. –
10:15 a.m.

Resolving Conflict Biblically"

(Led by Pastor Dan in the Chapel)

"Revelation – The Triumph of

God" (Led by Randy Marko in the Accounting Room)

Mom's Group – "Spiritual

Warfare" (Led by Jill Marko in the Nursery Room)

1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings at

6:00 p.m. (Meet at Church)

Couples in Christ

"John 3:16, Stories of Hope"

(Led by Rick Marko)

3rd Monday Evenings at 5:30

p.m. – Supper, 6:00 p.m. – Bible Study

Parenting Class – "Effective

Parenting in a Defective World"
(Led by Randy Marko)

Tuesday Mornings at 10:00

a.m.

Book of Luke (Led by Pat Squires at the Gables Apt. Bldg.)

Men's Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. (June 9th & 23rd)

The Authenticity of the Bible

(Led by Nick Marko in the Accounting Room)

Wednesday Mornings at 9:30

a.m.

The Book of Habakkuk (Led by Elaine Bakalar in the Accounting Room)

Thursday Mornings at 10:00

a.m.

Crash Course on Jesus (Led by Chuck Squires in the Accounting Room)

Children's Ministry:



What a great year we had! Thanks to all who made our end of

year picnic so successful. A special thanks to John and sandy Carlson who faithfully put our picnic together. Even though Sunday morning classes take a break for the summer, we SHOULD NOT take a break from God. Please encourage children to read the Bible, their devotions, attend church regularly and come to Bible Camp. I encourage all moms to still attend the Sunday morning bible class led by Jill Marko. Miss Darlene will be in the nursery for anyone needing child care.

HEROS OF THE BIBLE – Bible Came is the week of June 21st. Please register now. If you are

interested in helping in any way please contact me. May all of our children continue to grow in their faith over the summer. I will see you in church.

God Bless
Miss Natalie

Youth

CONGRATULATIONS to our Confirmands: Jessica LaGoo, Kayla Manske and Elisabeth Melde. Our prayer is that you will always keep our Savior Jesus Christ in your life. God's blessing on you!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates: Kelsey Lindell, Shelby Thorn and Autumn Paulson. May God be with you in your future ahead!!

This summer is a busy month for our youth. My prayer is that they stay active in their church and God's word among all of their activities.

Our first thing will be helping Bible Camp during the week of June 21st. Please let me know which days you will be



there.

Monday June 28th is Lutheran Day at Valleyfair. We will be meeting at church at 9 a.m. and return to church about 10 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and extra money if you want food and fun!

Thank you to Miss Sandy who organized our Craft/Scrapbook Fever. It was a nice fundraiser for the youth toward their activities this summer. Your hard work was greatly appreciated.

God loves to see youth who love to worship and serve Him. Keep up the good work Holy Emmanuel Youth, we love you!

God Bless
Natalie

Open Arms:

Thanks to all of our families who joined us at our end of the year bash on May 16th. We pray you will join us for again for worship at Holy Emmanuel.

This summer we will be doing different Bible Stories for our weekly themes. A lot of our children will once again be joining us for Bible Camp.

Our Bike-a-thon is set for the weekend of August 12th & 13th. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details to come.

If you know anyone that is in need of daycare or a ½ day Preschool program please have them contact us. We are now doing registrations for the fall.

Thank you to our ECC Board who will be hosting Staff Appreciation during the week of June 14th-18th, it is greatly appreciated. God has blessed us with great teachers at Open Arms. Their mission is to have each child personally know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Everyday this is very present. Please stop by and visit us anytime!!

Serving Him for you,
Natalie



Holy Emmanuel has a Scholarship Fund available to members planning to attend Synodical schools to prepare for full-time church work, and for children attending Synodical and other Christian elementary and secondary schools.

If you meet either of these two criteria, you may pick-up a copy of the Scholarship Fund guidelines and an application from Candy in the church office.

Scholarship applications must be submitted to the Board of Christian Education no later than September 1, 2009.

Funding for the Scholarship Fund comes from the church budget plus contributions by our members. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please put your donation in the offering and mark it "Scholarship Fund."

Any questions regarding scholarships should be directed to the Board of Christian Education:

Dan and Vera Marko
952 854-4191
Pat Squires

952 944-6187
Randy Marko
952 894-6359
Natalie Mylander
952 888-5116

June Daily Bible Readings

Morning

- Jun 1 2 Chr 4-6
- Jun 2 2 Chr 7-9
- Jun 3 2 Chr 10-12
- Jun 4 2 Chr 13-16
- Jun 5 2 Chr 17-19
- Jun 6 2 Chr 20-22
- Jun 7 2 Chr 23-25
- Jun 8 2 Chr 26-28
- Jun 9 2 Chr 29-31
- Jun 10 2 Chr 32-33
- Jun 11 2 Chr 34-36
- Jun 12 Ezra 1-2
- Jun 13 Ezra 3-5
- Jun 14 Ezra 6-8
- Jun 15 Ezra 9-10
- Jun 16 Neh 1-3
- Jun 17 Neh 4-6
- Jun 18 Neh 7-8
- Jun 19 Neh 9-11
- Jun 20 Neh 12-13
- Jun 21 Est 1-3
- Jun 22 Est 4-6
- Jun 23 Est 7-10
- Jun 24 Job 1-3
- Jun 25 Job 4-6
- Jun 26 Job 7-9
- Jun 27 Job 10-12

Jun 28 Job 13-15
Jun 29 Job 16-18
Jun 30 Job 19-20
 Evening
Jun 1 John 12:20-50
Jun 2 John 13:1-17
Jun 3 John 13:18-38
Jun 4 John 14
Jun 5 John 15
Jun 6 John 16:1-15
Jun 7 John 16:16-33
Jun 8 John 17
Jun 9 John 18:1-23
Jun 10 John 18:24-40
Jun 11 John 19:1-22
Jun 12 John 19:23-42
Jun 13 John 20
Jun 14 John 21
Jun 15 Acts 1
Jun 16 Acts 2:1-13
Jun 17 Acts 2:14-47
Jun 18 Acts 3
Jun 19 Acts 4:1-22
Jun 20 Acts 4:23-37
Jun 21 Acts 5:1-16
Jun 22 Acts 5:17-42
Jun 23 Acts 6
Jun 24 Acts 7:1-19
Jun 25 Acts 7:20-43
Jun 26 Acts 7:44-60
Jun 27 Acts 8:1-25
Jun 28 Acts 8:26-40
Jun 29 Acts 9:1-22
Jun 30 Acts 9:23-43

Hooray for fathers



A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is

most inspiring.
 A few comments:

Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.

When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."

My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."

My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us regularly to church.

What would you write about your father?

Stewardship Corner

"June—what a crazy month!"

June used to be the most popular month for weddings so much so that "June brides" became a part of our vocabulary. Now there may be months when more weddings take place, but June is still a hectic, busy month. Not only are there weddings, but there are also graduations, vacations, plans for vacations and other summer activities. So much happens that it can get overwhelming and take the joy out of such a special month.

The same thing can be true of our lives as God's stewards. When we starting thinking about stewardship as the managing of all of life and life's resources for God's purposes, we can also get overwhelmed. Stewardship is not just about time, talents and treasure [the well-known three T's] but also about our stewardship of sharing the good news of Jesus, the building and maintaining of relationships, the

care of our bodies, the care of God's creation, and so much more. The challenge of being a good steward of all that God has entrusted to us can be so big that we might be tempted to simply give up! But, to do so would rob us of some of life's greatest joys!

Stewardship is not meant to be an overwhelming thing but rather the best way to live in this world. People seek purpose and meaning in their lives. They want to make a difference! They want their lives to be bigger than themselves. Being God's redeemed stewards is one of the best ways for bringing that real meaning and purpose to our lives. It helps us to identify who and whose we are. We are God's redeemed stewards who have been chosen and equipped to manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. Can anything be better than that??? Not for people who appreciate the great sacrifice that Jesus made to set us free from our sinful and selfish condition and help us to be the children of God in thoughts, words and actions.

St. Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote these words to Titus and us: ***"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'no' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good."***

How wonderful it is that by God's grace we are called, gathered and enlightened to live in a way

that gives due glory to God and blessings to our fellow stewards! As God's children we are in this together so we can encourage others and, in return, be encouraged by others!

“God’s redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes!” What a blessed life that is!

Priscilla Guild

A big thank you to the men and women who helped with the guild events—Rummage Sale, Bake Sale, LWML, 3 Bunco Parties, Spring Luncheon, Funerals. We could not do it without your help. Thank you all so much!

The next Rummage Sale is September 9th & 10th(Thursday & Friday) 8 am to 7 pm, Bag Day Saturday September 11th, 8 am to noon. Set up Tuesday September 7th 2 pm (men needed). Sort items Wednesday September 8th 9 am until finished. Clean up help on September 11th. Please save all your salable items, the money is used for Church and missions. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

We are looking for a host in August for our Chicken Pot Luck. If you can help contact Gladys Lossow at 612-729-8492.

A “Teaching Moment” from the Board Of Christian Education

Are you into prayer? Do you go to God for everything? He’s a BIG GOD and waiting on you to come and talk to Him. We are blessed with the privilege to

converse with Him. Seek Him out always. Super size your prayer life. Read on to see how God blesses us when we go to Him with our joys and troubles:

The Secrets of Super-sized Prayer by Ron Hutchcraft

Many restaurants are in the business of super sizing your meals. I'm happy to report that God is in the super-sizing business as well. Except He's asking, "Would you like for Me to super-size your life?" He does it through super-sized praying - believing God for things only He can do. Maybe you're in one of those "it's got to be God" times right now - it's got to be God or it's not going to be! You need Him. Then you're ready for the secrets of miracle-making prayer. An example of this type of situation is actually found in 1 Samuel 1, beginning with verse 10, our word for today from the Word of God.

Hannah is childless. She desperately wants a child. Her prayer, which results ultimately in the birth of Samuel, one of Israel's great leaders, contains those secrets of super-sized prayer. The Bible says, "In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord. And she made a vow saying, 'Lord Almighty, if You will look upon your servant's misery...and give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life...And she kept on praying to the Lord.'"

Let's stop for some of those secrets of super-sized praying. First, problems turned into prayer. You can turn a problem into many things: worry, resentment, self-pity, negativity, or heartfelt prayer. That's the mountain-moving choice. That's what Hannah did with her problems. The psalmist said, "I pour out my complaint before Him; before Him I tell my trouble" (Psalm 142:2). Admit your bankruptcy in the

situation, and He'll open up His bounty. Then, the second secret Hannah shows us is pursuing your all-powerful Lord. She calls God "Lord Almighty" - that's mightier than the mightiest possibility. When you come to Him, come to Him as the one who's got the whole world in His hands.

There's a third secret in this prayer, too - pre-surrendered results. As much as Hannah wants a son, she says, "Lord, if You give him to me, I won't hang onto him. He's Yours." And she kept that promise. God will trust you with what you want so much when you give it back to Him in advance. Otherwise, when you get it, you may make an idol of it or let it come between you and your Lord Almighty. It has to be pre-surrendered. Notice, too, another secret Hannah shows us - persistence in the Throne Room. She "kept on" praying. Faith grows, your spiritual muscles grow, as you wait on the Lord and keep coming to Him trusting Him for your answer.

One final secret of super-sized prayer - Hannah said of her prayer, "I was pouring out my soul to the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:15). God loves it when we come to Him, not with our usual script and our religious self, but all hanging out with our real, true emotions. The deep contents of your soul become the substance of your prayer. Passion in your praying is one of those powerful prayer secrets.

The end of the story? God gives Hannah Samuel, she takes him to the temple and gives him to the Lord's service, and God gives this woman who couldn't have children three more sons, and two daughters! And that name she gave her little answer to prayer, Samuel, means "heard by God." Everywhere Samuel went, he was a walking testimony to a prayer-answering God, and so

are you.

A Heart Felt Thanks!

I want to thank everyone for the phone calls, prayers, and cards that were sent because of my recent stay in the hospital. They were really appreciated by me and my family.

Paula Cherveney

Congratulations to our Confirmands

**Jessica Elizabeth La Goo
1 Corinthians 13:13**

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**Kayla Marie Manske
Philippians 4:6-7**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Elisabeth Kaitlin Melde was Confirmed on May 2 at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church with her day school class.

Please include the following friends in your personal prayers:

Convalescing
Xochitl Maria Grant,
Trudy Schramm

Thanksgiving for Healing
Maureen Atherton, Paula Cherveney, Dorothy Hallet,
John Garay

Undergoing Cancer Treatment
Jesse Hanson

Homebound
Arabella Beno, Helen Estocko,

Dorothy Hallett, Frank Holicky,
Alyce Kubik, Ruth Rogers,
Nora Schulz,
Marge Velebir, Anne Zustiak

Mourning

The family of Helen Rolf

June Birthdays

- June 3 Phyllis Schadewald
- June 4 Betsy Bohl
- June 8 Gene Griffith
- June 8 Alex Mentzos
- June 9 Sandra Sanders
- June 15 Barbara Morrison
- June 16 Kelsey Lindell
- June 17 Ed Pafko
- June 24 Lori Marko
- June 28 Al Scherf

June Anniversaries

- June 3 Ken & Sylvia Gamec
- June 9 Frank & Emily Hardt
- June 13 Vern & Sally Endresen
- June 16 Len & Rena Lipovsky
- June 16 Justin & Lauren Banitt
- June 19 Scott & Denise Ramsdale
- June 22 Dick & Sandy St Martin
- June 24 Robert & Michelle Melde
- June 26 Robert & Mindy Shulfer
- June 29 Chuck & Pat squires
- June 30 Bob & Maureen Atherton

Serving in June

Altar Guild

- 8:00 –Bob & Ella Chellew
- 10:30 – Barb Morrison & Gayle Cedegrin

Ushers

- 8:00-Joe Kovach,
- 10:30-Lester Frey,

Communion Assistants

- 1st Sunday (June 6th)
 - 8:00 Dave Yurik
 - 10:30 Randy Marko
- 3rd Sunday (June 20th)
 - 8:00 Robert Melde
 - 10:30 Scott Ramsdale

Acolytes

Lay Readers

- June 6th**
 - 8:00 Dave Yurik
 - 10:30 Alex Mentzos
- June 13th**
 - 8:00 Emily Mylander
 - 10:30 Randy Marko
- June 20th**
 - 8:00 Cindy Marko
 - 10:30 Natalie Mylander
- June 27th**
 - 8:00 TBA
 - 10:30 Scott Ramsdale

PowerPoint Helpers:

- June 6th**
 - 8:00 Mike Overby
 - 10:30 Al Scherf
- June 13th**
 - 8:00 Anita Bakalar
 - 10:30 Scott Ramsdale
- June 20th**
 - 8:00 Mike Overby
 - 10:30 Al Scherf
- June 27th**
 - 8:00 Anita Bakalar
 - 10:30 Al Scherf

Finance

Data Entry Paula Cherveney

Welcome Center

- June 6th** Open
- June 13th** Open
- June 20th** Open
- June 27th** Open

If you cannot make any of these times, Please contact Steve Sedio at steve@holyemmanuel.org, I will be happy to find a replacement .

Thank you

JUNE 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---------|--|-----|-----|--------------------|-----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Empty Nesters | 5 |
| 6 8:00 a.m. Classic Grace Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Living Praise Worship | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 8:00 a.m. Classic Grace Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Living Praise Worship | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 8:00 a.m. Classic Grace Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Living Praise Worship Mar Thomas Presentation (Both Services) | 21 ← | 22 Vacation Bible School - HEROS OF THE BIBLE | 23 | 24 | 25 → | 26 |
| 27 8:00 a.m. Classic Grace Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Living Praise Worship | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

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