

From the Vacancy Pastor

“Thanks!”

Dorothy and I often marvel at God's many surprises. We wonder: “How will God bless our next adventure?” Holy Emmanuel has been another in a long string of pleasant surprises. And, I am thankful.

Thanks

- for welcoming us into your fellowship.
- to those who chose to work through missional bible study with me.
- to those who chose to worship faithfully through this summer transition period.
- to those leaders who ‘get’ mission at several levels and seek to be God's agents to reach the un-churched and de-churched through this church.
- for those who are convinced that the future of this church is beyond its current membership and stretch their ‘comfort zones’ in order to reach those who do not know Jesus.

I am thankful that you provided this opportunity to walk with you as your ‘interim’ interim pastor this summer.

Who knows how we may next cross paths, but for now...

Thanks!

Pastor B



Sunday School

I knew it was time to think about fall when I noticed Target has its school supplies out and as I sat at one of Emily's parades and a float had a sign that said **66 more days until school starts!!!** So we here at Holy Emmanuel/Open Arms are inviting you all to our Fall Kickoff Picnic on Thursday, August 20th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Invite your friends – this is a community event with good food, entertainment, and it's free of charge!!!

Rally Day is Sunday, September 13th. We will be having the children involved with the service. Following the service, there will be a pot luck lunch. More details will be coming so watch your mail.

This year we will be having a monthly Family Nite (the first one being our Fall Kick-Off Picnic). This is replacing Jesus & Co./Lighthouse Kids. So please invite friends and join us for these activities.

My prayer to all parents is that you stay active in not only your child's academic upbringing, but most of all, their spiritual walk with Jesus!!

God's Blessings,
Natalie Mylander

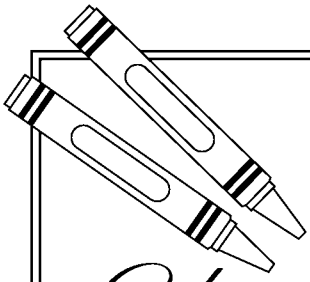
Youth

On July 16 – 17, Elisabeth, Robert, Emily, Kevin, Kana, Alex and Mariah enjoyed themselves once again at the Sonshine Festival. I want to personally thank Michelle Melde for going with me as a chaperone. As always, it's so uplifting to see youth worshiping and praising God together.

Our Valleyfair date for the summer has been set for Monday, August 17th. More details will follow soon.

Our next big project requested by our kids themselves is to repaint, rearrange and decorate their youth room. In order to do this, I will need a lot of adult help along with the youth also. I will be calling to figure out a good time and date very soon. Please prayerfully consider helping with this project either financially, physical help, and of course your prayers. The youth is the future of Holy Emmanuel. I will always tell people that H. E. may have a small youth group, however, they are very strong and bonded with each other and their Savior, Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings,
Natalie Mylander



Just for **KIDS**

Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

WORD BANK

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| children | road |
| commandments | sit |
| down | Talk |
| foreheads | Tie |
| hands | up |
| hearts | walk |
| home | |



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“These (1) _____ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____ along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on your (12) _____ and bind them on your (13) _____.”

Answers:
 (1) commandments; (2) hearts; (3) children; (4) Talk; (5) sit; (6) home; (7) walk; (8) road; (9) down; (10) up; (11) Tie; (12) hands; (13) foreheads

“Guy Time” Update

We had a great time on Monday, 7/6. 16 guys showed up for a great meal and then to compete in our bocce ball tourney. Thanks to Dick and Frank for the supper and Scott for refreshments during the tourney. We couldn't have ordered better weather conditions for the tourney and the competition!

We changed the format of the game a little and played 5 ten minute segments, and then totaled the points scored for each team per segment. The teams were formed by pairing up the oldest guy with the youngest. You should have been there to hear some of the trash talk, some of which I can't repeat (all in good fun, I guess it's a guy thing). It's amazing how friendly talk and gestures end once the game clock started ticking!

Well, bragging rights go to the following:

1st place team was Ray & Rick
 2nd place team was Doug & Scott

The top finishers individually earned the coveted prize of a movie sized box of "Hot Tamales" candy. I understand these guys now are referring to themselves as hot tamales at home and around the bocce ball court.

Our next event will be to attend a Twins on Sunday, August 16th at 1:10p. More to come on this and hope to see you there.

In Christ, your event reporter,
 Randy Marko

Open Arms News

A big thank you goes to Lauren Banitt and Michelle Melde for taking the co-Chairpersons of the ECE Board. We will miss Rick – thank you for doing a wonderful job in keeping Open Arms going so successfully over the last four years.

Open Arms has had a great summer. The kids love our new playground. Thanks to all of you that made this possible!

We want to welcome our newest employee, Kelsey Lindell. We love hiring good, Christian people who love God's children.

We will be closed on Friday, August 28th, to clean, have a staff workshop and get ready for fall.

Our prayers are with Dell and Gladys's healing. They have been our very faithful volunteer shoppers and we truly do miss them!

May God continue to bless the ministry of Open Arms, especially through all of the changes at Holy Emmanuel.

God is good all the time – All the time God is Good!!!

In His Name,
Natalie Mylander

Stewardship Corner

Giving an Obligation or Opportunity?

As the Apostle Paul traveled to churches, he collected offerings for the Christians in Jerusalem who were experiencing hard economic times. When Paul was speaking to the Corinthians, he used the Macedonian believers as an example of people who, in spite of their own economic troubles, gave joyfully to the distressed Christians in Jerusalem. The Macedonians'

love for Christ and their concern for their fellow believers moved them to give beyond their ability. The Macedonians *"gave themselves first to the Lord,"* Paul said, and then, they *"urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints"* (2nd Corinthians 8:4). It was the grace of God at work, prompting their giving. In Christ, they saw their giving as an opportunity to help other believers in need.

Does someone who views giving as an obligation plead for the opportunity to give? Probably not. When giving is an obligation, we will give, but giving as an obligation will not give us the joy or the attitude of pleading for the privilege to give that the Macedonians had. As God's people, we have both an obligation and an opportunity. Scripture is clear that we are called to give. Paul said, *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come not collections will have to be made"* (1st Corinthians 16:2).

Giving is an obligation, but, just as God changed the hearts and minds of the Macedonian people, He changes us so our giving becomes an opportunity rather than an obligation. As renewed and changed people, our attitude toward giving changes from a "got to" to a "get to" attitude. We stop giving grudgingly, and we start giving willingly and cheerfully. We want to give, because giving is an expression of our love and gratitude to God for Who he is and what He does for us. The more we give of ourselves and our gifts the closer our relationship with Christ becomes and the more we want to give, and the more God

blesses us which enables our continued giving. *"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"* (2nd Corinthians 9:11).

These are difficult economic times. As responsible stewards, we look for areas where we can cut back in our spending. If you're considering a reduction in your giving to the Lord, read 2nd Corinthians 8-9. Go to the Lord in prayer and ask Him what He would have you do. Then give as you are able, thanking God for the opportunity and privilege to be a part of His mission on Earth.

Welcome Center

The beautiful Welcome Center in the narthex is in need of welcoming volunteers to staff it each week.

Contact Scott Ramsdale at (952) 898-3389 or Candy in the church office at (952) 888.2345. Thank you!



September 10, 11, 12

- ⇒ September 9 – Sort & Price all items beginning at 9:00 a.m. until it is all sorted and priced. Sorters get to shop early!
- ⇒ September 10 and 11 – 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- ⇒ September 12 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon. Bag sale at \$2.00/bag.

We will need many men and ladies to help.

Men will set up the tables on Tuesday, September 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Clean up is Saturday, September 12, at 12:00 Noon.

A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up to help!

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale will be used for missions and church.

Be sure to bring your sellable items during the end of August.

If you have any questions, please give Gladys Lossow a call at (612) 729-8492.

End-of-the-Year Pot Luck

Priscilla Guild/Men's Club

Rescheduled!

Be sure to mark Tuesday, August 11th on your calendar for the End-of-the-Year Pot Luck.

The event will take place at Gramercy (1669 Yankee Doodle Rd., Eagan). For directions, contact Paula Cherveney at (651) 687-0960 or Trudy Schramm at (651) 687-9889.

Social Hour begins at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Priscilla Guild will provide chicken. Bring a pot luck dish to pass.

Umbria Gourmet Pizzeria

Coupons

Umbria Gourmet Pizzeria, located at 521 98th Street (next to Festival Foods) is running a promotion through October 30, 2009, where they will donate 10% of our documented member's total tickets to Holy Emmanuel. Dine in, take out and delivery orders are all eligible; documentation is completion and submission of the coupon backs that are also available at Umbria.

VEAP

Back-To-School Collection

You can help make a difference in a child's education. There is a growing need to help children start the school year with the basic supplies required by their schools. Statistics show that the need is greater due to the hard economic times. Holy Emmanuel has been asked to supply the following:

- 30 Backpacks
- 300 Spiral Notebooks
- 200 packs of #2 Pencils
- 200 Highlighters
- 100 Rulers

All items must be new. If you can help, please bring your items and place them in the box in the narthex. If you would like to help, but would rather not shop for the items yourself, you can place your donation in the offering and mark the envelope VEAP Back-to-School. **The last day to bring items is August 16th.** Thanks for helping your neighbors in need.

Thank You Loaves and Fishes

Volunteers!

On Tuesday, July 7th, volunteers from Holy Emmanuel and Mount Hope prepared and served a dinner at the Bloomington Community Center for the Loaves and Fishes program. Over 200 community members received a hot, delicious meal and dessert. **Thank you** to the many members of Holy Emmanuel who volunteered to make this dinner a great success for the community.

This was the first time Holy Emmanuel and Mount Hope served a dinner for Loaves and Fishes, but we do serve ice cream sundaes at the dinner on the 3rd Thursday of every month. We have provided this service for the last 18 months.

Serving the dinner and sundaes have been good opportunities to work with Mount Hope and their many wonderful volunteers, and both are great way to serve many members in the community. Interested in helping with these events? If so, please talk to John or Sandy Carlson.

Once again, **thank you volunteers!**