



Dear Fellow Redeemed:

It is with great joy that I begin my ministry among you as your Intentional Interim Pastor. I look forward to worshipping with you, fellowshiping with you and laboring for the Lord with you in His Kingdom. As I said in my initial sermon on August 16th, it is not by accident that the Lord put us together. I confidently believe that God has Called me to serve Him at Holy Emmanuel in Bloomington, Minnesota and He has great plans for us as we prepare for a prosperous future of mission and ministry.

Being Called by God to be His hands, feet and voice in this world is not without challenge. Being a Christian and living the Christian life can result in suffering and persecution. And yet, the outcome of faithfulness is always heavenly.

During the next months of Intentional Interim Ministry I hope to meet and greet each member of Holy Emmanuel and I am eager to share with you in the joys and opportunities of ministry in this corner of God's Kingdom.

Now, there is one thing you must keep in mind as we procede in this time of transition; I am not a miracle worker. God is! And He will use each of us to accomplish His purposes. My task as Intentional Interim Pastor at Holy Emmanuel is to provide Pastoral care, preach, teach, equip and minister to the special needs of the membership. I will also serve as an advisor to the leadership

of the congregation and a mentor to the church and Open Arms Christian Early Childhood Center staff. Every member of Holy Emmanuel congregation has the responsibility to God and each other to use their time, talents, treasure and testimony for the strengthening of the Church and the proclamation of the Gospel.

Together, we have the wonderful privilege of serving our God and Savior. It is a blessing we cherish and take to heart with every breath. May our God continue to gather us for worship, study and service. And may our labors bring forth an abundant harvest.

I can relate to the Apostle Paul when he said to the Corinthian Church;
"I give thanks to my God for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus... (I Corinthians 1:4a)

Confidently believing,

Rev. Dan L. Siedenburg
Intentional Interim Pastor

**Youth Confirmation Class
Orientation**

Pastor Dan has scheduled an orientation meeting with the parents (and students) of all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders of Holy Emmanuel on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Information regarding class structure, requirements and schedules will be presented at this important meeting as we prepare for an exciting season of Confirmation instruction and study.



**Worship
Schedule**

**Beginning Sunday,
September 13th**

- 8:00 a.m. - Traditional**
- 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary**
- 9:15 a.m. - Education Hour**

**Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays**

Lawn Tractor Needed

The Board of Church Properties is in need of a lawn tractor.

Do you have a tractor that you would be willing to donate? Do you know of someone who has a lawn tractor that they would be willing to donate? If so, please contact Ray Dolny at (612) 722-9966.

Thank you!

Church Council Update

I know you will all join me in extending a warm welcome to Pastor Dan and his wife, Pat. Pastor Dan will be leading us through the next 12 to 18 months as we reestablish the mission for Holy Emmanuel and prepare to call a permanent Pastor.

I know you also join me in thanking Pastor Brutlag and Pastor Kuhlman for their guidance and service during the past three months. I especially received a number of comments from grateful members concerning the many sick and shut-in visits they conducted during their brief service with us.

I received a call from President Seitz in mid-August requesting that Holy Emmanuel develop Goals for the Intentional Interim Ministry program. The Church Council at its meeting on August 12th established the following as Goals

Goals for Intentional Interim Ministry

- 1) Promote healing and communication among members in order to sustain a happy caring congregation with a positive focus.
- 2) Become an Intentional Missional Outreach church with a defined target audience reaching the surrounding neighborhood.
- 3) Create a spiritual growth environment that encourages members to become involved in Bible studies and to commit their time & talent toward sharing personal testimony.
- 4) Develop worship services and activities that meet the needs of all worshipers and encourage involvement.

- 5) Develop an intentional ministry to family units in conjunction with Open Arms that includes fellowship and discipleship small groups.

President Seitz also requested a Task Force be established to manage these Goals and meet with him on a quarterly basis over the next 12 to 18 months. I thank the individuals below who have volunteered to be part of this Task Force. I would request Holy Emmanuel members to prayerfully consider if their gifts would benefit this effort and please let me know if you would like to join the task force.

Intentional Interim Ministry Task Force

John Carlson
Dee Dolny
Lois Kovach
Loraine McKay
Mel Michalik
Dale Moreland
Scott Ramsdale
Phyllis Schadewald
Pat Squires

The council decided Holy Emmanuel should reinstitute two worship services per Sunday in the Fall. Therefore beginning on Rally Day, September 13, worship services will at 8:00 and 10:30 with an education hour at 9:15.

The design of the new bell tower is being finalized with the Bloomington Planning Staff and an application for permit has been submitted to the city. Our application is tentatively scheduled for consideration and public testimony at the Thursday September 17th Planning Commission meeting. If approved by the Planning Commission our application would probably be presented to the City Council meeting on Monday September 28th. As you recall approval can be a

lengthy process including a number of public hearings, therefore T-Mobile is not planning to begin construction until next Spring in order to avoid the extra cost of building in winter. Holy Emmanuel will need your support to speak in favor of the project. I would request members who are Bloomington residents plan to attend the meeting to testify in support of our application. Watch for a note in the bulletin for the specific time when our application will be discussed.

For the Church Council
In His Service,
Ron Reich

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Please join us for a Sunday Adult Bible Class on the book of Acts. Acts is an important book for us today because it confirms that the power of the Holy Spirit, which transformed the disciples' lives, is the same power that can transform our lives today! Acts emphasizes the primary task of the church (evangelism), calls us to a vital relationship with the Holy Spirit and forges a new sense of identity within the church. This study allows us to experience the calling, healing, empowering and sending dynamic of the Holy Spirit. We will start this study on Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 13, 9:15 a.m. in the accounting room. Hope to see you there!

Serving with you,
Randy Marko

Children's & Family Ministry



Youth Group Car Wash

Sunday, September 13th
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Youth

We need all your help on Sunday, September 13th as we will be having our annual car wash from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tell your friends and family to get their cars washed. Bring rags, buckets, soap, towels and be ready to work.

Also on that Sunday we will be planning our year for youth events, Bible studies, etc. So, come with great ideas!

Keep growing together in the Lord!

In His Name,
Natalie Mylander

Open Arms News

After our Fall Kick Off Picnic, we are now ready for another school year at Open Arms.

September is our birthday month, and God has truly blessed us for another year! God is good! **Happy Birthday Open Arms!**

Congratulations to Ms. Tamra and her husband, David, on the birth of their new baby boy, Logan Michael Hoffbeck. May God bless you all!

Thanks for your continued support and prayers. Without the Holy Emmanuel congregation, we would not exist.

God Bless,
Natalie Mylander



CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Begins September 13th

- **Class with Pastor** (Led by Pastor Dan in the Chapel).
- **Book of Acts** (Led by Randy Marko in the Accounting Room).

1st & 3rd Sunday Evenings
5:30 p.m.

Couples in Christ

Begins September 20th

- **“Building a Marriage that Really Works.”**

3rd Monday Evenings

5:30 p.m. – Supper

6:00 p.m. – Bible Study

Begins September 21st

- **Parenting Class – “Discipline”** (Led by Randy Marko)

Tuesday Mornings

10:00 a.m.

Begins September 15th

- **Topic to be Announced.** (Led by Pat Squires at the Gables Apt. Bldg.)

Wednesday Mornings

Begins September 16th

9:30 a.m.

- **Really Bad Girls of the Bible** (Led by Candy Frein in the Accounting Room)

Thursday Mornings

10:00 a.m.

September 17th

- **Topic to be Announced** (Led by Chuck Squires in the Accounting Room)



Sunday, September 13th

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School will be starting at 9:15 a.m. SHARP on Sunday, September 13th. Parents are welcome to come play Bible Bingo with us during this hour. The children this year will be earning “points for shopping” for attendance, so please be present. They will be involved in the 10:30 service with a pot luck lunch following. Please bring a dish to pass! Let’s get the year off to a great start to grow more in Christ.

Family Nights

We will be having monthly family nights this year instead of the weekly Jesus & Co. nights. Our first one will be Thursday, September 24th from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Chuck-E-Cheese in Burnsville shopping center. You can go anytime to play or eat during those hours. Please only get your tokens at the register and tell them you are with Open Arms/Holy Emmanuel. We will be receiving 15% of our sales. So tell your friends – mark this date on the calendar and we will see you there! It’s a great day at Chuck-e-Cheese!

Please pray for our children as we start another great year.

In His Service,
Natalie Mylander

GROWING UP FAST!

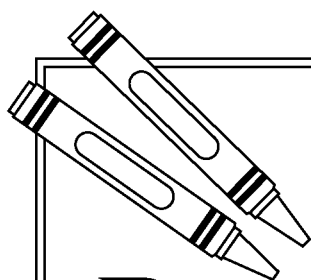
In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



Just for **KIDS**

Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

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"Do not _____ any longer to the _____
of this _____, but be _____
by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able
to _____ and _____ what _____ will is — his good,
_____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, test, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect

Stewardship Corner

God's Gift of Work

A familiar saying is, "You don't know what you've got till you lose it." It's not only familiar, it's often true. Take your job, for instance. How many days a week do we complain about our work? The boss is too demanding, the hours are too long, the workload is too heavy, the pay is too meager, and our fellow workers don't carry their share of the load. We moan on Monday morning, rejoice on Friday afternoon, and look forward to vacation time.

When our jobs are threatened, however, our perspective changes. Compared to no job, this one seems not quite as bad as we'd made it out to be. It's really too bad, though, that it takes such a stark threat as this to make us appreciate our work.

Work is a privilege God gives us. Even in the Garden of Eden, God assigned a task to Adam:

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. He brought [the beasts of the field and the birds of the air] to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field (Genesis 2:15, 19-20).

Although work became more toilsome after the Fall when man was banished from the Garden, God never meant that we should find our work laborious and disagreeable. God's attitude about work is aptly expressed in Ecclesiastes 5:18-19: "Then I realized,"

writes the Teacher, "That it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him – for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work – this is a gift of God."

Our complaining should shift to praising God for giving us gainful employment so that we can support ourselves and our families and, as Paul writes in Ephesians 4:28, "have something to share with those in need." When we acknowledge God as the Giver of the gifts that enable us to earn our livings and that He desires that we enjoy the wealth and possessions that He provides for us, our grumbling will turn to thanksgiving.



Volunteers are needed to be Lay Readers and/or run the PowerPoint presentation each Sunday.

If you would like to be a part of either of these opportunities, please contact Candy in the church office at (952) 888-2345.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Priscilla Guild

Rummage Sale

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.

Coffee & Treats!

Beginning Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th, coffee and treats will be available in the narthex following both services.

In order for this social event to occur each week, volunteers are needed to provide the treats and help serve them. A sign up sheet is posted on the board by the flower chart. Thank you!

If you wish to bring your own coffee cup and take care of it, please do so.

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

National Night Out Outreach Event

Just wanted to thank those who volunteered to serve our neighborhoods during the National Night Out event on Tuesday, 8/4. We had 11 people come out from HE and BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs for our neighbors to the south (Doug & Linnea Manske) and serve ice cream treats to our neighbors in the Devonshire Apartments to our west (Carla Crawford). We had a great time meeting and getting to know some wonderful people and we need to thank God for all of them.

Please join me in thanking God for this outreach event and for God to continue to give us more opportunities to reach out to our neighbors and community in the future.

In Christ,
Randy Marko

VEAP School Supplies Drive

Thank you for your support of the VEAP Back-To-School Drive. Because of your generosity we were able to donate the following:

- 16 Backpacks
- 115 spiral notebooks
- 750 pencils
- 94 highlighters
- 55 rulers
- 15 folders
- 5 packs of notebook paper
- 10 pens
- 6 pencil boxes
- 5 boxes of crayons
- 6 glue sticks
- 4 erasers

Many deserving children will go back to school this fall with the supplies they need thanks to you. God bless your efforts to help our neighbors in need.

In Christ,
Chuck Squires