



Reformation

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

"Words form the thread on which we string our experiences" (Aldous Huxley.) Words...are used to make us laugh and they are used to make us cry. They offer us hope or devastation. With words we can make our noblest intentions felt and our deepest desires known. Throughout human history our greatest leaders and thinkers have used the power of words to transform our emotion, to enlist us in their causes and to shape the course of destiny. Words not only create emotions, they also create actions. And from our actions flow the results of our lives.

What are the words you want to be known by? What characteristic word or phrase do you want others to identify with you? What word or phrase do you want others to identify with our church? What are you doing to help bring this about? What are you doing or not doing that will lessen the likelihood of this coming to pass?

During this month of October, when we celebrate the REFORMATION begun by Dr. Martin Luther when he nailed the famed 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, we are also reminded of the power of words and phrases. Luther coined three such phrases, which are still closely identified with the teaching of our church body:

SOLA FIDE—The believer is justified by faith alone without the deeds of the Law (*Romans 3:28; Philippians 3: 9*)

SOLA GRATIA—Salvation is not by works (which, however, are fruits of faith), but by grace.

SOLA SCRIPTURA—The Bible is the only norm of doctrine and life.

Please join me and the many others who call Holy Emmanuel their "church home" as we once more allow these powerful phrases to excite us in our walk of faith.

Confidently believing,

Rev. Dan L. Siedenburg
Intentional Interim Pastor

Food for the Poor

Sunday, October 11th

Pastor John Fischer will preach that Sunday and be in the Sunday Morning Bible Class to discuss the work of Food for the Poor.

Pastor Fischer has been engaged in ministry that relates the love of Christ to human need in the 40 years of his ordained ministry. With his wife, Judy, he has served congregations in Texas, Mississippi and Florida, overseas on Guam, and the military chaplaincy (retired, US Naval Reserve). He was a Circuit Counselor in the Florida/Georgia District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod from 1999-2009. In his retirement, Pastor Fischer continues to serve the poorest of the poor in the Caribbean by begging on their behalf as a speaker for Food for the Poor. See their website at www.foodforthepoor.org.

Be sure to join us and bring a friend!

A Taste of Ethnic Missions Coming Soon!

Have you ever wondered what happens to the mission offerings your church sends to The Minnesota South District? A portion of it goes to support several Ethnic Missions, providing pastors and mission assistance to various immigrant groups.

Join us for a "Taste of Ethnic Missions" on Saturday, November 7th, at Woodbury Lutheran Church in Woodbury, MN (7380 Afton Rd., Woodbury, 55125).

This year's event features a guided "mission trip" to several ethnic mission stations, where you will enjoy mission conversation and stories, a silent auction of ethnic items, and of course, a taste of authentic ethnic food!

Tickets are \$25/person in advance, and \$40/person at the door; children and students are \$5. All proceeds go directly for the support of the District's ethnic mission work.

To RSVP, please contact Ms. Linda Bradford at the District Office at (952) 223-2157. Learn about our international mission work right here in Minnesota!

Steps to Protect Holy Emmanuel Worshipers From H1N1 Flu

The H1N1 flu is here! Minnesota is one of 31 states reporting wide spread cases of the flu especially in schools and organizations with gatherings of numerous people such as our worship services, ECC, and other church gatherings. To reduce the chances of becoming infected by the flu while at Holy Emmanuel, our church will take the following steps:

1. Starting September 27th, the Common Communion Cup will not be used until the flu season has passed.
2. Starting September 27th, greetings by shaking hands will stop until the flu season has passed. This includes Greeters and during the Services.
3. Starting as soon as possible, Hand Sanitizing dispensers will be placed in strategic locations throughout the church. Everyone is encouraged to use them whenever entering the church and as frequently as needed.
4. Starting as soon as possible, commonly touched items such as phones, doors, light switches, key boards, etc will be sanitized daily.

In addition, Holy Emmanuel worshipers are asked to take the following precautionary steps:

1. Stay home if you have the flu or might have the flu.
2. Cover coughs or sneezes with the bend in your elbow, not your hands. If you use your hands, wash or sanitize them immediately afterwards.
3. Be vaccinated for the flu sooner than later, but please check with your doctor before obtaining the vaccination!

4. Support our temporary stop of hand shaking.
5. Avoid contact with ill people if possible.

Thank you for your support and understanding of these temporary but important steps to protect everyone's health.

Operation Christmas Child

It is never too early to start thinking about Christmas or how Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Look for more information later in October and November.

Please contact Carla Crawford at 952-201-6383 or ck12@hotmail.com if you would like to help with this mission again or for the first time.

Parish Fellowship

The Board of Parish Fellowship is looking for volunteers to serve on this board. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact Carla Crawford at 952-881-0657 or ck12@hotmail.com. According to the bylaws, the basic objectives of this board are the strengthening of the fellowship between congregation members spiritually and socially, the integration of new members into the life of the congregation, the general up building of mutual cooperation, trust and enjoyment among the members of the congregation; be concerned with the temporal welfare of members of the congregation, and determine ways and means that the congregation may administer to the welfare of persons outside the congregation.



Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

- **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 6:00 p.m.

Couples in Christ

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

3rd Monday Evenings 5:30 p.m. – Supper

- **6:00 p.m. – Bible Study**
- **Parenting Class – “Discipline”** (Led by Randy Marko)

Tuesday Mornings 10:00 a.m.

- **Book of Judges** (Led by Pat Squires at the Gables Apt. Bldg.)

Wednesday Mornings 9:30 a.m.

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

Thursday Mornings 10:00 a.m.

- **Crash Course on the Old Testament** (Led by Chuck Squires in the Accounting Room)



Sunday School

The Sunday School children will be singing at the 10:30 service on October 11th, which is National Children's Day. Please come and join us for great worship to our God!

We want to welcome our new children to Sunday School – Izaak, Taylor and Matthew. We hope you continue to grow in the Word here at Holy Emmanuel!

Jesus Loves His Kids!!
Natalie Mylander

Youth News

Thanks to all who worked at our annual car wash. Even help from all of the adults was greatly appreciated. But most of all, we want to personally thank the members of Holy Emmanuel who financially continue to support the youth of our church. God bless you all!!

We will be meeting every first Sunday after church for pizza, games, Bible study and fellowship. Our first gathering will be Sunday, October 4th, at Noon. Bring your friends to church and plan on staying with friends in Christ.

We need all of your help at the Costume Party. We will be having a lock-in that evening. Details are to follow soon. Please let Natalie know if you will be there.

Blessings,
Natalie Mylander



Fall Family Costume Party Friday, October 30th 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Holy Emmanuel will host a Fall Family Costume Party on Friday, October 30th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. **There will be fun and games for children and adults of all ages (ages 0-120)!!!** Invite a friend to come with you to the party. Please, **friendly costumes** only.

The cost this year is 25 cents per ticket.

We could use any donations of novelty toys, 2 liter pop, bags of candy, chips, etc.

If you have any questions, please call Jen Johnson at (952) 888-5116.

News from Open Arms

Some of our weekly themes for the month of October are:

My Five Senses

God's Harvest – Pumpkins

It has been joyful having Pastor Dan join us in our weekly Wednesday chapels.

Some of our staff in September went to see "Joseph and The Colorful Coat" at the Chanhassen dinner theater. It was fun to be together without children and only "adult time."

We want to acknowledge years of service for our staff. May God bless them for their hard work at Open Arms over the years:

Pam Blaylock – 1 year

Tamra Hoffbeck – 5 years

Robin Oliver – 1 year

Lori Hackett – 3 years

May God continue to bless the work of Open Arms leading His precious lambs to get to know their Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Natalie Mylander

Salvation Army Drive

September 14 – October 16

Open Arms is collecting new or very gently used coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, and boots for the Salvation Army. Please drop off your items in the box at Open Arms no later than October 16th. Items will be taken to the Salvation Army on October 19th and will be distributed to families in need of these items for winter on October 29th. Thank you for your donations!

"Girl Talk"

A New Bible Study!

Anyone up for some "Girl Talk"?

I am interested in starting a Bible study group for the ladies that would deal with our specific needs and issues. Some ideas are healthy living, a balanced life, spiritual growth, stress, faith, disappointment, forgiveness, friendship, fear, worth, purpose, I could go on and on...anyone who might be interested in joining please contact Carla Crawford at 952-201-638 or ck12@hotmail.com Start date, weekly day and time to be announced.

Cookies for Friends

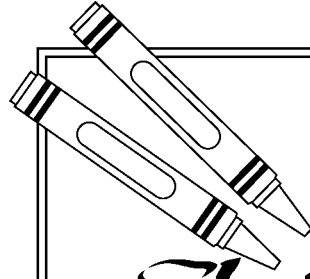
Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.



Just for **KIDS**

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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Teaching Moment from your Christian Education Team

This article is a wonderful reminder of how we Christians need to be intentional about our relationship with God and our appetite for His word. Make it a priority in your life.

A Healthy Appetite

Did you know that many new babies actually lose a little weight between the time they're born and the first checkup they have two weeks later. Some babies, on the other hand, have no weight loss and are extremely dedicated to eating often and eating a lot. Mother's milk obviously agrees with them and they are very happy until it's time to eat again. At which point they crank it up and let their parents know in no uncertain terms that "I'm hungry and I will not be delayed and I will not be denied!"

Watching a babies demand for mama's milk can actually help us understand even more of how God uses that example in showing us how to grow in Him. He alludes to that when He says in 1 Peter 2:2, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." We can see how a baby's attitude is about their milk - insistent on getting it on a regular basis. The question can then be raised, is that your attitude about the spiritual milk of God's Word, the Bible? Are you insistent on getting into His word on a regular basis? Or, do you consult God's Word when you have time - when you're in a jam - when you feel like it?

We're not talking here about some mechanical, grudging fulfillment of my Christian duty to read my Bible. A baby

doesn't seem to be saying, "Well, I know I'm supposed to be getting some milk. I guess it's my duty. I'd better stop and eat." No, it's not a duty for her; it's an insatiable desire. It's not occasional either; it's regular. Just like our time with the Lord in His Word needs to be. Almost every detour from God's way and God's will in our lives can ultimately be traced to one thing - neglecting our time with Him.

Time with Jesus in His Book has to be a commitment - something you insist on, no matter what. It's easy to quote the verse about "seeking first the kingdom of God", but it's hard to believe you mean that if your time with the King isn't the highest priority of your personal schedule. So, is it? Better yet, is He? It's all about Jesus! It's all about being with Him, not being with a Book. But, like the person you love connecting with you through the love letter that they write to you, our main connection to Jesus is His Love Letter called the Bible.

Frankly, we can be so clueless about how to handle daily challenges without taking time getting God's perspective and God's direction. God's Word is designed to be your anchor, the one thing that does not move when everything else is. God gave you His Word to be your flashlight to illuminate the ground you have to walk on today. It's your harbor where you can find God's peace in any storm. And being in His word, God reveals your orders from heaven for that day.

So, without the heaven-link of time in God's Word, you are living a day without your flashlight, without your anchor, without your harbor, without your orders. It's time for you to make your time with God in His Word a non-cancelable and

non-negotiable part of your daily schedule.

It all comes down to appetite. If you've allowed an appetite for TV, or sports, or music, or news, or friends, or the Internet, or anything else to marginalize your appetite for God's Word, things are/get messed up. Ask God to give you, like a baby, a desperate appetite for more of what He has to say. It's the only way to "grow up in your salvation and understand His mission for you."

(Written by Ron Hutchcraft who leads a Native American Christian ministry in the U.S.)



November 8 - 15 -22

Looking ahead to November – three Sundays, November 8, 15, and 22 are being set aside as Stewardship Sundays. The 22nd will be commitment Sunday when we will make and bring forward our pledges for 2010. The worship services will focus on our responsibilities as Christian stewards and the joy we receive in giving to and participating in God's work. You may want to reflect on how well you have been using God's gifts to you so far in 2009. Use your prayer and Bible study time to begin to focus on what God desires of you as His disciple and steward in the year 2010.

Stewardship Corner

"If Only"

Most discontented people live in a state of "if only." Rather than counting their blessings, they play the "if only" game.

"If only" we had our own home/a gibber home.

"If only" we could get out from under this pile of debt.

"If only" our neighbors would move.

"If only" our friends were more fun/more loyal/more thoughtful.

"If only" my boss would appreciate me more.

Maybe you have an "if only" list. Perhaps you, too, think that by making some external changes your life would be all you want it to be. You'd be content. Think about what the Apostle Paul said about contentment: *"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want"* (Philippians 4:12). Paul said external conditions have nothing to do with contentment. He said changing our circumstances won't make a difference in our level of contentment. He said, *"I have learned the secret of being content."*

What is that secret? *"I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength"* (Philippians 4:13). When we depend on the Lord and place our trust in Him, we can be content in all circumstances. We won't need to dwell on "if only." God's grace gives us the ability to persevere and even find joy in life's toughest situations. Like Corrie Ten Boom. In her book, *The Hiding Place*, she relates that she and her sister Betsy

were sent to Nazi concentration camps which were filled with filth, disease, and pestilence. Their particular barracks was infested with fleas, but, by God's grace, they were able to see the blessings even in fleas. Because of the fleas the German guards chose not to enter the barracks which allowed Corrie and Betsy to gather the other ladies for Bible study and prayer. God's Word sustained them in their time of need. They didn't have an "if only" mentality. Instead they followed Paul's admonition in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: *"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

Until we find our rest in Christ we are going to continue searching for contentment. The theologian Augustine said, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and the heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." People or things will never fill us. Only God's presence will bring us contentment.

Priscilla Guild

Rummage Sale

Thanks to all who donated and helped with the Rummage Sale! It was so nice to have new people helping, also! Thanks to all who donated lunches for the workers.

The sale made \$1,775 – this included a gift of \$275 from Thrivent.

The items left were taken to charities. We thank everyone who helped deliver those unsold items to the various charities!

Noodle Making

Watch your bulletin for dates and times to make the homemade noodles! Everyone can buy them for their winter soups. We will need men and ladies to help make the noodles!

Slovak Smorgasbord Dinner

The annual Slovak Smorgasbord Dinner is CANCELLED this year!

End-of-Year Party

Thank you to Stan and Paula Chervený and Trudy Schramm for hosting the End-of-Year Party and Chicken Dinner in August! 40 people attended!

At our meeting, we gave gifts of \$100 each to the following charities:

Lutheran Hour Ministries
Simpson Homeless
Our Savior's Homeless
Trinity First Lutheran School
Bethesda Lutheran Home
LWML Mites
VEAP
Lutheran Prisoners Bibles & Missions
Amnion

The Priscilla Guild will replace the folding door on the Choir Room, which is located by the pop machine.

A gift of \$4,000 was given to Holy Emmanuel last winter from the Priscilla Guild.

Thank you to all who always help with the Priscilla Guild fundraisers – you are appreciated!

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