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Emanuel's Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace through Word and Sacrament, and to bear witness to God's Kingdom in our daily lives.

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Worship Services
8:00 a.m.
&
10:30 a.m.

Congregational Leadership

Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Paul J. Zwarich
Hospital Visitation Pastor in San Antonio	The Rev. Darwin Huartson
Pastoral Assistant	Willie Spreen
Director of Music & Worship	Thomas Engler
Administrative Assistant	Jeannie Hall
Director of Youth & Family Ministries	Ariel Williams
Receptionist/Office Secretary	Bonnie Cheatham
Day School Director	Burlene LeClair
Nursery Coordinator	Heidi Koepsel
Wedding Coordinator	Dee Dee Burns
Congregation Council	
Deborah Almquist	Natalie Alexander (Vice-President)
John Baumann (Treasurer)	Evelyn Dittmar (Secretary)
Lee Jahns	Toni Ludzenski
Roland Naumann	Ronald Naumann (President)
Christa Nichols	Jeanne Palmer
Donna Raetzsch	Aaron Seidenberger

Worship Services & Events

October 2, 2011	8:00 am Lectionary 27/Hunger Sunday/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Lectionary 27/Hunger Sunday/ Holy Communion/Day School Sings 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals
October 9, 2011	8:00 & 10:30 am Lectionary 28/Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School/Altar Guild 10:30 am Receive New Members followed by reception under the Oak Tree 11:30 am Youth Mission Trip fund Raiser
October 14, 2011	Newsletter Deadline!
October 16, 2011	8:00 & 10:30 am Lectionary 29/ Thank Offering Service/Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School
October 23, 2011	8:00 & 10:30 am Lectionary 30/Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Coordinating Council - WMR 12:00 pm Singles Food, Fun & Fellowship 5:00 pm Polka Service followed by a meal
October 30, 2011	8:00 & 10:30 am Reformation Sunday/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Youth Led Service 11:30 am 5 th Sunday Soup & Sandwich Potluck

From the Pastor

In October we celebrate Reformation Sunday. Almost 500 years ago Martin Luther discovered that many church practices and teachings did not originate in scripture. Luther read passages such as this one that influenced his theology. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your doing; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8) Martin Luther began to write, preach, teach and act with this message in mind, and changed Christianity forever.

The practice of paying for forgiveness was contrary to the will of God even though it provided cash for the building of the church in Rome. Luther wrote Ninety-five Theses in opposition to this practice, and posted them on the church door in Wittenburg on October 31, 1517 to protest this practice.

There was more that needed to change. People in the churches, including priests, knew little about Jesus or the Bible. Luther wrote the Augsburg Confession, which outlines the teachings of the Lutheran Church, and then the Small and Large Catechisms as summaries of these teachings to help parents teach their children, and priests teach their parishioners. Luther preached and taught and held discussions (table talks) over these and many other issues.

Luther realized that one reason why people knew so little about God and the "Good News" of Jesus was because worship was conducted in Latin, and the people spoke only German. So Luther translated the Bible into German so worshippers could hear the Word of God in their own language. Luther also changed the worship service. Instead of Latin being used in the Liturgy, Luther used the German language. Luther also added congregational hymns to the worship service.

The official church response to Luther was not kind. Luther was arrested, tried, excommunicated, persecuted and ridiculed as a result of his work. But Luther was also protected, hidden, supported and praised by high ranking Germans.

In the end Luther's goal was to reform the church, not leave it and form a new one. But it happened anyway. A new church was born. Luther believed that the church should be reformed, and always be reforming, to be sure that the Gospel reached the people.

As Lutherans today, we have inherited this reformed and reforming heritage. What might need to be reformed in our time? What needs to stay the same? How bold must we be? How will we know? Just as Luther trusted in the Holy Spirit, we too must trust in Holy Spirit and pray for divine guidance in our congregational life today.

Blessings

Pastor Paul

Lectionary Readings for October 2011

Date	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
October 2	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 80:7-15	Philemon 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
October 9	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalms 23	Philemon 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
October 16	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
October 23	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Psalms 1	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46
October 30	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

From Willie's Desk

On Sunday, September 11, it was announced that we, members of Emanuel's will be collecting funds to assist people affected by the fires near Bastrop. Esther's and my daughter-in-law and grandson were evacuated, but did not suffer any damage.

As you consider your response to this appeal I ask a simple question. Have you been blessed? You know you have. You have not been affected by the devastation we saw on the news reports. You are not having to sweat in the heat, dust, and ash searching for anything salvageable. Those fires were all consuming, there is nothing remaining. As Christians we follow Jesus lead and care about everyone regardless of their station in life.

The contributions to this cause will be sent directly to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bastrop. Our attitude is that the congregations can use these funds to assist that community directly with no other agency involved. At this time there is no cut-off date as to receiving this aid.

I am reminded of an old offering prayer: "Must I be giving again & again. The response was Just stop giving when the Master stop giving to you."

Willie

Let Go & Let God!

Emanuel's Day School Fall Activities

- Singing for congregation : October 2nd
- School Bus is coming to visit us : October 4th
- Riding on our float - Fair Day : October 7th
- Fire Truck is coming to visit us : October 14th
- Librarian is coming to read to us : October 24th
- Pre-Kinder field trip to Pumpkin Patch: Oct. 26th
- Chapel every Tuesday & Thursday



Ladies Aid Report

By Velma Huebner, President

Nineteen members, one guest and Pastor Paul were present for the September 7 meeting. The members made forty visits to the home-bound and shut-ins.

The meeting opened with a welcome and prayer by Velma Huebner. Ronald Naumann of the Church Council gave us an update on the renovations and the list of priorities suggested for the future of Emanuel's. Pastor Paul had the devotional on the Gospel of Mark. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read, followed by the treasurer's report. Committee reports were also given.

The hostess sign-up sheet was passed around so those that weren't present last time would have a chance to sign up. The nominating committee, Lola Scheffel and Evelyn Neumann, nominated Judy Campbell as treasurer. She was nominated by acclamation. Congratulations Judy!

The ladies voted that the charity bingo proceeds along with a Ladies Aid donation be sent to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bastrop to help the fire victims. Maxine Hollub, the Christmas chairman is ready for members to sign up for the Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 7.

The bazaar will be Tuesday, November 8 from 9am until 2pm. The ladies will start baking on Monday October 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 7. Anyone wanting to help can contact Velma Huebner (830-379-6907). Myrtle Huebinger will do the advertising for the bazaar on the radio and in the paper. The quilting ladies are busy quilting a queen size quilt for the raffle. Cakes and pies are also needed along with crafts and items for the country store. All help will be appreciated.

Velma Huebner thanked Pastor Paul, Frances Vinyard the hostesses and the property stewards. Velma reminded the group of the "Thank You celebration" Sunday, September 18 after the 10:30 service in the fellowship hall. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the singing of "God Be with You 'Til we meet Again."



Emanuel's Ladies Aid Quilt Raffle Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5

The quilters of the Emanuel's Ladies Aid are raffling a queen-sized, hand-quilted, quilt for their annual bazaar. The drawing for the winner will take place at their annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 7. Tickets are available from any of the quilting ladies or the church office.

Emanuel's Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

By Cathy Anderson, President

Reporting back from the SWT Women's Synod Convention in Fredericksburg: Attending from Emanuel's were Cathy Anderson (delegate), Evelyn Streng, and Barbara Effenberger. A total of 186 attended. Elected President was Dawn Young from Elm Creek! Next year's convention will be at South Padre Island on October 5-7, 2012. Learn more about Women of the ELCA by looking on-line at www.elca.org, then clicking on Women of the ELCA (in the gray box at the bottom of the page).

This month at Emanuel's includes the following meetings: Ladies Aid on Oct 5th at 2pm in the Women's Ministry Room(WMR); Faith Circle on Oct. 11th at 7p in the WMR; and Joy Circle on Oct. 13th at Seguin Assisted Living (note change in location for this month).

The annual Thankoffering Service will be on Sunday, October 16th.

Coordinating Council will meet after 2nd service on October 23rd to set dates for 2012 and propose a budget.

Church Women United, of which Emanuel's is a member, meets on Oct. 7th at 2pm at St. John Lutheran in Marion for the annual Human Rights Celebration. See Barbara Effenberger with questions.



VIRTUAL TEA PARTY BENEFITS LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

We wish to thank the following members who contributed \$1,393.56 to LSS this summer.

Lutheran Social Services greatly appreciates this monetary support to enhance their programs and services.

Cathy Anderson
Georgia Barber
Dr. Norm & Esther Beck
Anna R. Bergstrom
Kathleen Boeder
Carolyn Blumberg
Katherine H. Braulick
Hazel Dalton
Jeanette Dietz
Bertha M. Dykes
Mrs. Nelson Erxleben
Mrs. Fred Ewald
Laura Mae Gerdes
Frank & Elaine Giesber
Mike & Deb Haug
Mrs. James Hilbert

Mrs. Elmer Hill
Franklin & Velma Huebner
Estelle Illhardt
Clara Kallies
Nola Kleinschmidt
Annabelle W. Koehler
Barbara B. Lampman
L.J. & Maxine Luedke
Helen B. Martinson
Mrs. Bill Meier
Larry & Alice Moltz
Gloria Muehlbrad
Evelyn Neumann
Elin Oelke
Jeanne Palmer
Harold & Jo Emily Prochnow

Beulah Reiley
Lorene Schievelbein
Mrs. Arnold Schulze
Lorene Schraub
Lorene Schriewer
Beverly Seidenschwarz
Nancy Seidenberger
Sylvia Schneider
Dawn Silvius
Selma Smith
Judy Ann Stollewerk
Mrs. Paul Stollewerk
Evelyn Streng
Karen Weinstein
Sherrell Zwicke



Twelve gifts of cash were given anonymously.

Dates to Remember

If you need to reach the church on Sunday mornings during the worship service, please call the church phone number (830)379-5046 and after the recording please dial extension 214. This phone will ring in the usher's room in the Narthex.



"Working Wednesdays"

October 12, 2011 5:15 pm Executive meeting
 October 12, 2011 6:15 pm Congregational Council Meeting
 October 19, 2011 6:30 pm All Committee Night

DEADLINES

Information must be in the office by 8:00 am
 Tuesday mornings for bulletins.

Newsletter Information must be in the
 office by the 15th of each month.



Faith Circle

Women's Ministry Room
 Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 pm
 Hostess: Cathy Anderson
 Bible Study Leader:
 Joyce Benton



Altar Guild

Sunday, October 9 at 9:15
 am in the Hospitality Room.

NOTICE

The Church Staff meets every
 Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
 The phone will be set so that you
 can leave us a voice message, and
 we can respond when we are done.

Singles Food, Fun & Fellowship

will be held Sunday, October 23, at 12:00pm
 Evelyn Streng hosting at Eden Place on 1220
 Jefferson St. Please RSVP to Evelyn at 830-379-5342.

Joy Circle

Submitted by Gloria Muehlbrad chair person

Joy Circle members will include 3-4 additional
 Emanuel's Lutheran women when they meet at

Seguin Assisted Living – 226 Preston Dr.

Thursday, October 13, 9:30 am

Hostess: Katherine Braulick

The Bible Study will be on Mark, Chapters 2 and 3,
 will be a group project. Please bring your Women's
 magazine (now know as "Gather"). Contact persons
 for additional information: Katherine Braulick 830-
 379-6261 or Gloria Muehlbrad at 830-857-6711.

Ladies Aid

Wednesday, October 5, at 2:00pm
 In the Women's Ministry Room
 Hostesses are: Mary Margaret Bobo,
 Valeska Mever

This year's fundraiser benefiting the
Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center
 will be on Sunday, October 16th, 2011 and will be
 in the Faith Lutheran Church Life Enrichment
 Center for in-house dining, and there will be a
 convenient drive-thru as well. A barbecue chicken
 dinner and a cake auction will be served during the
 hours of 11:30 to 1:30 with a ticket price of \$8.00
 per plate. Tickets may be purchased from
 Emanuel's members and GVCCC directors Kirsten
 Legore or Doug Parker (at Parker's City Pharmacy).

14th Annual Polka Service and Sausage Supper

Sunday, October 23, at 5:00 pm. Proceeds benefit
 the Christian Cupboard. Freewill offering for the
 sausage supper that will follow the service in the
 fellowship hall. Entertainment during the meal.

PRAY FOR OTHER CONGREGATIONS!

Each congregation in our San Antonio Conference is being asked to remember other congregations in prayer through the year, and all have been sent a schedule of weeks in which to pray for a specific congregation. We will remember these congregations in our prayers each Sunday, and you are asked to keep them in prayer throughout the week.

Those for whom we pray in October:

- October 2 St. Andrew, Canyon Lake
- October 9 Our Redeemer, Bracketville
- October 16 Amazing Grace, San Antonio
- October 23 Zion, Castroville
- October 30 Atonement, San Antonio

If you enjoy the fellowship time and refreshments being served after service on Sunday mornings under the big oak tree, ask yourself, "What can I do to help this fellowship time continue?" You and your family can sponsor the refreshment cart for a Sunday. Sign up for your special day. Contact Jeannie or Ariel in the church office and get the information you need to continue this fellowship time with other members of Emanuel's.



Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2011

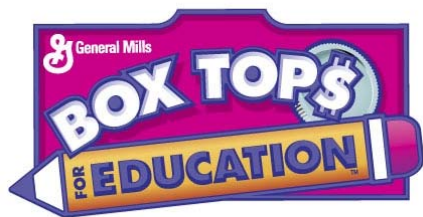
Wear Red

If you do not have a red shirt please see Ariel. Youth are selling them as a fund raiser

Receiving of New Members will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at the 10:30 a.m. service. If interested please call the church office at 830-379-5046.

There will be a reception under the oak tree following the 10:30 a.m. service to greet the new members.

Emanuel's Day School



As you collect the box tops you may bring them to the church office.

Sunday Offerings for the Month of August

Sunday Offering	2010
1st Sunday	6,924.25
2 nd Sunday	5,790.85
3 rd Sunday	5,420.68
4 th Sunday	4,919.21
5 th Sunday	4,621.00
Total	27,675.99

Sunday Offering	2011
1st Sunday	7,880.80
2 nd Sunday	4,462.00
3 rd Sunday	5,663.00
4 th Sunday	3,736.26
5 th Sunday	
Total	21,742.06

Financial Ministry Report

	August	Year to Date
2011 Planned Ministries	46,314.33	370,514.64
2011 Actual Income	36,869.08	312,828.45
2011 Actual Expenses	49,378.37	361,734.99



Ladies Aid
Coffee Cakes
Baking will begin
Monday, October 10, and each Monday
till November 7
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thankoffering Service



Sunday, October 16, 2011

LADIES AID COFFEE CAKES Ladies Aid will start baking coffee cakes on Monday, October 10. They will be available for sale from 11am-2pm. They will bake again on Monday, October 17, 24, 31 and November 7th. Coffee cakes will be sold each Monday. Anyone wanting to help make the coffee cakes, contact Velma Huebner (830-379-6907). Also anyone wanting to donate items for the Ladies Aid Bazaar to be held Tuesday, November 8, such as crafts, items for the country store, cakes and pies may also contact Velma Huebner or the Church office.



"God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good." — Genesis 1:25 To remember the goodness of all creation, especially the part of creation that walks on four legs and has fur (and even those without fur and those possibly with feathers), Emanuel's Lutheran Church will hold a Blessing of Animals service on October 2, 2011 on the church lawn. This traditional Christian service is usually held on or near the commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. You are invited to bring your pet to worship so that he or she may receive a blessing during this special service. For the safety of those attending, both animal and human, please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. For more information, please contact Tom Engler at 379-5046.



Ladies Aid Bazaar

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

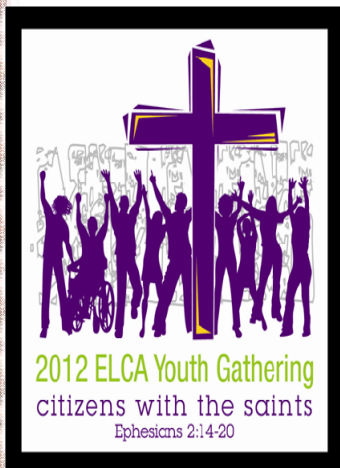
Emanuel's Fellowship Hall
Homemade Coffee Cakes, Sandwiches,
Salad Plates, Cakes, Pies, Country Store,
Handwork, Plants, Quilts, Arts & Crafts,
Coffee & Tea and more!



Day School Sings
Sunday, October 2, 2011
at the 10:30 a.m. service

A YOUTHFUL APPROACH

By: Ariel Williams – Director of Youth & Family



As many of you know, the youth will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA this July. We are going back to New Orleans not to cheer on the Saints football team, but to stand with the saints of God in that place: the young and the old, the privileged and the uninvited, the lonely and the claimed, the powerful and the shamed, the weak and the strong, those who have built new homes and those still struggling to rebuild. New Orleans has more to teach us about fresh starts made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. New Orleans has more to teach us about generosity and about how to be good neighbors. New Orleans has more to teach us about the house that God is building. The youth will kick-off the upcoming year of preparation with a Shrimp Boil Luncheon on October 9th, 2011 following the 10:30a worship service. We will be accepting free-will donations to help fund our efforts to get to New Orleans. Please come learn more about what the youth will be doing this summer and support our Mission Trip effort.

Our Congregation



...the families of

Lester Nelson
Thusnelda Friedeck
Monroe Schubert

Prayers requested

Members

Frieda Collins, Jeanette Franks, Thomas Hall, Aline Harbort,
Angela Haberle, Evelyn Friedeck, William Koehler,
Howard Huebner, Beth Jahns, Laura Merz, Luther Oelke,
Lila Meyer, Larry Nelson, Willie Spreen, Marian Strey

Friends & Family

Joy Baker, Carrie Adams, Edna Bergfeld, Brett Barbre,
Alvin Gocken, Alvin Hewell, Bob Buckley, Jan Morris,
Linda Mosley, Donna Phillips, Dewitt Odom,
Christine Maddox & family, Hey Nichols, Sheryl Tovar,
Amie & Dorothy Quiros, Rachel Walker, Chase Walker,
Niecy Woodall, Aline Lindemann, Doris Oertil, Terry Strawn,
Garrett Sellars, David Van Houten, George Ammermann

Our Family and Friends in the Military



Jarett Carroll, Garrett Smith,
Gordon Ehler, Landon Cheatham,
Brent Stehling, Stephanie Tovar
and Derek Schulz

5th Sunday Potluck Lunch

SOUP &
SANDWICH

DESSERT



Emanuel's Prayer Chain

Ann Erxleben is the contact person.
Please call Ann at 830-379-5259 with
your prayer request.

Note: Please let the church office
know when you or a loved one is
sick or hospitalized. Also let the
office know when you or your
friend/relative can be taken off
the prayer list. Thanks!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 am worship service
On Sunday, October 30, for Emanuel's 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch.

Please bring either Soup or Sandwiches and a Dessert.

We are asking that you bring a dish
not only for your family, but for others.