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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.

Get in touch with us!

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Catch us on the Web!
www.emanuels-seguin.org

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

Congregational Leadership

Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Paul J. Zwarich
Pastoral Assistant	Willie Spreen
Hospital Visitation Pastor in San Antonio	The Rev. Darwin Huartson
Director of Music & Worship	Thomas Engler
Administrative Assistant	Jeannie Hall
Desktop Publisher/Secretary	Bonnie Cheatham
Day School Director	Burlene LeClair
Nursery Coordinator	Heidi Koepsel
Wedding Coordinator	Dee Dee Burns

Congregation Council

Natalie Alexander	John Baumann
Evelyn Dittmar (Secretary)	Denise Hufnagl (Vice-President)
Brian Jones	Toni Ludzenski
Marivel Medina	Roland Naumann
Ronald Naumann (President)	Christa Nichols
Jeanne Palmer (Treasurer)	Aaron Seidenberger

Worship Services & Events

March 3, 2010	12:05 pm Lenten Service then Lenten Lunch 6:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service
March 7, 2010	8:00 & 10:30 am 3 rd Sunday in Lent/ Hunger Sunday/Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School/ Confirmation Class/ELYO
March 10, 2010	12:05 pm Lenten Service then Lenten Lunch 6:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service
March 14, 2010	8:00 & 10:30 am 4 th Sunday in Lent/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School/ Confirmation Class/ELYO
March 15, 2010	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!
March 17, 2010	12:05 pm Lenten Service then Lenten Lunch 6:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service
March 21, 2010	8:00 & 10:30 am 5 th Sunday in Lent/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School/ Confirmation Class/ELYO 12:15 pm Singles Food, Fun & Fellowship
March 24, 2010	12:05 pm Lenten Service then Lenten Lunch 6:15 pm Lenten Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Service
March 28, 2010	8:00 & 10:30 am Palm Sunday/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School/ Confirmation Class/ELYO

From the Pastor

In the ancient Church the penitential character of Lent was not the sole purpose of the season. In fact, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of preparation and instruction for those who were to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This was appropriate because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism. Romans 6:4-5 explains that when we are baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (LBW page 206)

This year I am inviting all youth whose parents feel are ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion to attend two classes on March 21 and March 28 after the 10:30 worship service so they may prepare themselves for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and receive first Communion on the Second Sunday of Easter on April 11. This is an appropriate time to do this because though the Lord's Supper God reinforces the promises he made with us at the time of our baptism. In order to prepare for this important event, I am asking that the parents of these youth call the church office and register for the class.

Martin Luther explained the benefits of Holy Communion this way: "The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins**. These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation."

See You In Church

Pastor Paul

From Willie's Desk

Lent is upon us and as Pastor Paul and I are focusing on this, we are following the suggestion of reviewing the Catechism. In order to do this we need to look back to Martin Luther.

"Luther believed that Christian prayer mattered, and as so he prayed. He also taught others how to pray. He wrote about prayer as a way to connect everyday lives with God's Word. Luther understood the Catechism as a summary of the scriptures, a 'Lay Bible' what we need to know in order to live a Christian life. Luther believed that life involves prayer, communicating with God. So the Catechism became a handbook designed to guide Christians in lives involved in prayer." This quote is from the book, "Praying for Reform" by William Russell.

This book will be our guide as we journey through this Lenten Season here at Emanuels.

Willie

The delegates that are going to the Synod Assembly on May 1 and May 2 in New Braunfels are:
Ronald Naumann, Jeanne Palmer, Pastor Paul and Dennis Sagebiel.

Lectionary Readings for March 2010

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
March 7	Isa. 55:1-9	Ps. 63:1-8	1 Cor. 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 14	Josh. 5:9-12	Ps. 32	2 Cor. 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 21	Isa. 43:16-21	Ps. 126	Phil. 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
March 28	Isa. 50:4-9a	Ps. 31:9-16	Phil. 2:5-11	Luke 22:14--23:56

**Emanuel's Lutheran Church
Time & Talent Sheet – 2010**

"Put your gifts at the service of one another." 1 Peter 4:10

Name: _____

Please check the areas in which you wish to serve. There is no limit to the talents you can share. Each member should fill out the survey. Extra copies can be obtained at the Church Office. **On the back please list any Special Interests not already noted.**
Thank You. **Due: March 14, 2010**

LEADERSHIP: Committees of the Congregation

- ___ Stewardship
- ___ Outreach
- ___ Worship
- ___ Communications
- ___ Social Concerns
- ___ Fellowship
- ___ Youth & Family
- ___ Property
- ___ Finance
- ___ Day School

WORSHIP MINISTRY

- ___ Altar Guild
- ___ 8:00
- ___ 10:30

___ Lector/Reader

- ___ 8:00
- ___ 10:30

___ Usher

- ___ 8:00
- ___ 10:30

___ Usher Funerals

___ Usher Weekday Services

___ Assisting Minister

___ Communion Assistant

- ___ 8:00
- ___ 10:30

___ Choir

- ___ 8:00
- ___ 10:30

___ Heavenly Ringers Bell Choir

___ Special Music

___ Arrange Altar Flowers

**140th Anniversary Preparation
August 15, 2010**

- ___ Food Committee
- ___ Pictorial Directory
- ___ Invitations Committee
- ___ Anniversary Plate Committee

EDUCATION

- ___ Children's Sunday School Teacher
- ___ Adult Sunday School Teacher
- ___ Confirmation Teacher/Assistant
- ___ Vacation Bible School Volunteer
- ___ Special Needs Class (Joy Class)
- ___ Day School Volunteer/Substitute Teacher

OUTREACH MINISTRY

- ___ Lay Eucharistic Minister
- ___ Visit Prospective Members
- ___ Visit Inactive Members
- ___ Visit Homebound Members
- ___ Visit Hospitalized Members
- ___ Nursing Home Communion Server
- ___ Provide Ride to Church
- ___ Bring Food for Funerals
- ___ Pianist Nursing Home/Senior Service
- ___ Senior Service Communion Service
- ___ Prayer Ministry
- ___ Other _____

**BUILDING & GROUNDS
MINISTRY**

- ___ Lawn Care
- ___ Flower Beds
- ___ Carpentry
- ___ Electrical
- ___ Other _____

OFFICE MINISTRY

- ___ Church Office Volunteer
- ___ Bulletins
- ___ Newsletters
- ___ Answering Phones
- ___ Special Mailings
- ___ Data Entry
- ___ Other _____
- ___ Tabulate Time & Talent Sheets



Pre-school and Elementary Sunday School

In Sunday School we not only learn songs and Bible stories and memory verses, but we also experience the joy of sharing through our offerings. Our December, January, and February offerings will purchase a piglet for a family in a third world country who wants to establish a farm.

Our **3's and 4's** meet in Room 215A for songs, then enjoy their Bible story with Ms. Lynda Ploetz and Ms. Meredith Huser. In February the children will be learning about God's love for us and our love for each other.

Children in **Kindergarten – Second Grade** also meet in Room 215A for singing. They then form a circle for a Godly Play story. This is a quiet, worshipful time which includes a time of wondering, inviting children into the story by their responses and questions. In February we will complete the study of the parables and begin the study of the life of Jesus. During the response work time children choose among Godly Play story trays, puzzles, journals, books, and art materials. A newer center provides beads of liturgical colors for making a Calendar of the Church Year necklace or bracelet. The last few minutes of the class are for a "feast", prayer, conversation, and a blessing.

Students in **Grades 3- 6** meet in downstairs Room 103 A,B with Cindy Schrank and Jane Foreman who plan great interactive lessons. February lessons will be "Healed by Jesus."

You are invited to come....to bring children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.

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 be remembering these congregations in our prayers each Sunday, and you are asked to keep them in prayer through the week.

Those for whom we pray in March:

March 7, 2010	Bethlehem, Quihi
March 14, 2010	Good News, San Antonio
March 21, 2010	St. John, Jourdanton
March 28, 2010	Good Shepherd, San Antonio



Sign up now for our Pictorial Directory in celebration of our 140th Anniversary. We need you to make this a complete directory. We will be signing up members in the Narthex on Sunday mornings February 21st, 28th, March 7th & 14th. You may also go on-line or come by the church office during the week and pick out your date. Hope to see your picture in the directory.

oJan mills
PORTRAIT STUDIOS

Financial News

Comparative Financial Report – January 31, 2010 Assets & Liabilities At January 31

Assets:	2009	2010
Money Market Funds	245,726	246,447
Less: Borrowings Against Money Market Funds to Support Operating Shortfalls	(78,934)	(95,918)
Net Remaining Money Market Funds *	166,792	150,529
Endowment Funds	356,298	354,274
Total Assets	523,090	504,803
Liabilities:		
Current Cash Deficit	4,770	(21,222)
Loan at Mission Plus for A/C & Heating Unit	-	-
Loan at Mission Plus for Alexander Property	-	-
Total Liabilities	4,770	(21,222)
Net Assets	\$ 518,320	\$ 526,025
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets		\$ 7,705

Income Statement Through January 31

	2009	2010
Operating Income	33,354	41,032
Operating Expenses	39,510	36,636
Net Operating Loss	\$ (6,156)	\$ 4,396

* Note - For clearer disclosure Money Market Funds used to finance church operations due to shortfalls in giving are shown netted against the original amount of Money Market Funds. Thus "Net Remaining Money Market Funds" are the actual amount of funds remaining on deposit with the bank as of that respective date.



If you need to reach the church Sunday mornings during 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.

WELCA

The Emanuels WELCA (Women of the ELCA) general meeting and lunch was held in January. A program on Lutheran World Relief projects in El Salvador was presented by Clarie Streng-Broste. An offering of over \$200 was collected for ELCA Disaster Relief in Haiti.

Lutheran World Relief kits and kit contents are being collected. Boxes are available at the Mountain Street entrance and off the Narthex. If you wish to give money for the purchase of kit contents, you may leave this with Jeannie in the church office. Kits and quilts will be boxed up on Saturday, March 27th. They will be taken to TLU on Wed., April 7th for the area collection. For more information contact Elaine Giesber.

Emanuel's will host the San Antonio Conference WELCA on Sat. April 10th. The cost of attendance is \$12 and will include Bible study, workshops, lunch and snacks. Be looking for registration information soon. Contact Barbara Effenberger for details and to volunteer to help out.

Altar Guild has boxed greeting cards for sale in the Women's Ministry Room. New cards are being ordered, including Easter.

Cathy Anderson
President

Faith Circle

will meet on

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Hostess: Sherry Moltz

Bible Study Leader: Jeanne Palmer

Dorcas Circle

will meet on

Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 2:00 PM

Hostesses: Mary M. Bobo, Lestelle Rudeloff

Bible Study Leader: Marie Vogel

Joy Circle

will meet on

Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 9:30AM

Hostess: Katherine Braulick

Bible Study Leader: Beth Jahns, Elaine Giesber

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid had their meeting on February 3, 2010 in the Women's Ministry Room. Thirteen members and Willie Spreen were present. It was reported that the ladies made 36 visits to home-bound and shut-ins in January.

Velma opened with a prayer, and Willie Spreen gave the Bible study on Romans 11:29 "Does God Keep Promises?"

Ann announced the birthday ladies and anniversary couples. "Happy Birthday" was sung to the birthday ladies.

Beulah read the minutes and correspondence and Velma read the treasurers report in the absence of Judy. Committee reports were heard.

Ann and Maxine audited the treasurer's books and found them to be correct. Velma thanked them.

Velma announced that if you didn't get your yearbook, please pick one up. Also the officers of Ladies Aid were installed at the January 17 church service.

The prayer chain will be revised and Ann Erleben will be the new contact person. Thanks to Annie Boecker for her many years of dedicated services.

The Ladies Aid will serve soup and sandwiches on Wednesday, February 24 for the Lenten luncheon.

If you have any suggestions for the disbursement of the Bazaar Funds, please contact the officers.

Velma thanked Willie for the bible study, Frances for playing the piano and the hostesses for the excellent treats.

A reminder that February 7, 2010 is Hunger Sunday. Bring canned goods, rice, beans etc. Donations go the Christian Cupboard. Also Sunday, February 14, the ELYO will be hosting a Valentine Dinner in the Fellowship Hall with seating at 5 & 6:30 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing the 3rd verse of "Great is thy Faithfulness."

Velma Huebner
President

Ladies Aid

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 2:00 PM

Hostesses: Verlin Schubert,
Glendora Ewald

Altar Guild

No Meeting in March

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will be in the midst of the Lenten Season. The word “Lent” comes from an Old French verb which means “to lengthen.” This refers to the fact that the hours of daylight lengthen as the year moves toward the summer solstice. The dramatic panorama of Year C, the Year of Luke, moves on. We have experienced the quiet but excited expectation of the Advent season, awaiting the coming of the promised Messiah. We have sung with the angels as they proclaimed “Glory be to God in the Highest” at Christmastime. We have shared in the wonderment of Simeon and Anna as they encountered Jesus in the temple when he was eight days old. We have heard the story of the Wise Men as they discovered the child Jesus after having followed the Star in the East for many months. Now, as we journey with Jesus through his brief years of ministry to his last week of life, his death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter morning, it is time to enter into a time of reflection and self-examination. We, like Adam and Eve, have all fallen prey to sin through our actions and through our failure to act. All of us. Without exception. But, despite our sinfulness, we ARE children of God, and can comfort ourselves with the knowledge that God’s grace is ours through the sacrifice of God’s only son Jesus. During the Lenten season, we are provided with many opportunities to stand in front of the mirror of our conscience, look ourselves squarely in the eye and, in the presence of our brothers and sisters in the faith, bring our sins to God and be assured that we

are forgiven through Grace. Because of this gift, our burdens are lightened because our sins are forgiven.

The music of the church during Lent is designed to reflect these dynamics. Gone are the “Hymn of Praise” and the “Alleluia” Verse and in their places are the “Kyrie” (Lord, have mercy...) and the admonition “Return to the Lord, your God” from the prophetic book of Joel. We will use some of the musical settings from Setting 5, which contains more contemplative music than either Setting 3 or 4. Hymns such as “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” and “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” appear.

I encourage you to attend the Sunday services and the Midweek services this Lenten season and become fully immersed in the experience. Sing the hymns, chant the psalms and pray the prayers. On Good Friday the choirs will lead the service in a special Tenebrae Liturgy. It will allow the Easter experience to be yet brighter and more glorious.

If you have been thinking about becoming a member of the music ministry of this church, this might be a good time to join us. We are a loving group of people who are about the business of giving back to God gifts that have first been given to us. God’s peace to you, brothers and sisters.

Tom Engler, Director of Music and Worship

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For your convenience, I will be working at Emanuel’s on Thursdays. Please stop by or call my office in San Antonio at 1-800-880-1225 to set up a Thursday appointment

Josh Bauman.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

On
March 14, 2010



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.

"Working Wednesdays"

March 3, 2010 5:15 pm Executive Council
 March 11, 2010 6:15 pm Congregation Council

**STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH THROUGH
FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP**

Singles Group will meet again
 On Sunday, March 21, 2010
 The home of Gene Vivroux at
 859 Jefferson St.

Bring your favorite dish.
 Any questions call Gene at 830-372-3592

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.



Thank You!

The children and staff of
 Emanuel's Day School's
 Bake Sale
 was a huge success!
 The 2 year olds get their rug

EMANUEL'S EARTH ANGELS

needs your help. If you would like to be part of our team please contact Marsha Schroeder or the church office. We are also taking donations for the Emanuel's Earth Angels team.

If you would like to purchase a Luminaria in honor or in memory of a loved one, we have the forms in the church office. Stop by and see Bonnie or Jeannie.

The Relay For Life of Guadalupe County will be held on April 23-24, 2010 at Navarro High School Stadium.

Chili's is teaming up with Guadalupe County Relay for Life All day on March 9th Chili's will donate 10% of your check to GC Relay for Life. Please pick up a flyer in the church office or from a member of the Relay for Life team member to take with you to get the donation request.



Tuesday April 20 is Relay for Life Kick-off at
Kirby's Korner
 Located 606 N. Hwy 123, 830-379-6031 from 5:00 -9:00 pm



THANK YOU!

Emanuel's Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation of \$2,766.48 on 12-31-2009

It is through support such as yours that we are able to continue our fight against hunger.

Heartfelt Thanks from the Christian Cupboard

Dear Pastor Zwarich and members of Emanuel Lutheran Church,

We are in receipt of your gift of \$400.00 On behalf of the entire LSPS Community; I want to extend our sincere thanks for your interest in and support of theological education. Your gift and partnership with us make it possible for us to continue with our mission. We are grateful for your faith and trust in our mission and for your continued support and prayers.

Your gift is without question an important leadership gift in this effort because it demonstrates your commitment to ensuring that persons who decide to enter seminary will have the financial support to follow their calling! We are grateful for your commitment and your partnership in this important work of preparing pastoral leadership for you church. ON behalf of those who will benefit from your gift – I say thank you!

We currently have nine TEEM students enrolled in our program in addition to our five M. Div. students. We are excited about this growth in our student body and their potential for leadership in the church. Your generous gift will ensure their continued academic and spiritual formation. On their behalf – I say thank you!

In the Name of the One whom we serve with joy,
Dr. Javier Alanís, Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Enclosed you will find a statement of your gifts to Mosaic in 2009. Thank you for your financial support of this important ministry. Please know that your gifts help change lives, especially in the midst of the economic recession. In the last year, gifts from generous donors have not just enhanced people's lives, but sometimes were needed even for basic health items – in some locations, gift dollars paid for medications and therapies that people with intellectual disabilities could not otherwise afford on their limited income. These are the challenging times we face!

I remain confident, however, that all of us working together will ensure that this ministry will remain strong in spite of the current adversities. We have a broad base of support including individuals, churches, civic organizations and businesses who will continue to affirm the hard work of Mosaic employees across the country. I have heard inspiring stories of generosity and creativity, and I know that the human spirit, empowered by god, will triumph.

I hope that you will continue your generous support of Mosaic's work. You can be confident that your gifts are used efficiently and effectively for the good of people with intellectual disabilities.

Please review the enclosed statement. If there are any discrepancies with your records, please contact Eileen Baker at 877-366-7242ext. 1035.

Sincerely,

Linda Timmons

South Central Texas Unrestricted

8-31-09 \$75.00

WLCA – games, personal hygiene items, art supplies, linens

Dear Emanuel's Lutheran Church:

It is my pleasure to thank you for your generous support of Texas Lutheran University during this last calendar year. Your contributions help to strengthen the university in its vital mission – preparing students to live as servant leaders, making a positive difference in the world.

Below we have provided a summary of the financial gifts you have made to TLU from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, for use in preparing your annual income tax return. If you have any questions regarding this summary, or if you would like additional information, please call the Development Office at 830-372-8030.

As you may know, the TLU fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31. This is represented in the President's Report (http://www.tlu.edu/i/news/pres_report/08-09_report.pdf) which utilizes data gathered during this time, rather than the January through December calendar year.

Again we express our appreciation for your support of TLU in 2009. You are truly making a difference in the lives of our students!

All of us at Texas Lutheran University wish you a meaningful and blessed 2010 and look forward to deepening our partnership to advance the mission of TLU.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Svennungsen
President

2009 Giving Summary

04-23-2009	\$150.00
12-31-2009	\$1,200.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,350.00</u>

Our Congregation



The Families of

Betsy Coker

(Tom Engler's Student)

Ed Gotthardt

(brother of Rosalee Kuntson & Myrtle voss and brother-in-law of Viola Gotthardt)

Roger Scheel

Doug Buie

Alfred Doerfler

John Fritz

Karen Olson

Prayers requested

Members

Helmuth Friedeck, George Gerdes, Charlene Green, Daniel Heideke, Nolan Lange, Laura Merz, C. O. Meyer, Francine Pidgeon, Marian Strey, Norma Stollewerk and Barbara Tschoepe.

Friends & Family

Mary Alexander, Joy Baker, Debbie Baumann, Mac Clopton, Donna Ethridge, Kirby Junker, Nola Mathre, Madeline Meischen, Chase Meneley, Linda Mosley, Doris Oerlti, Lillian Sadowski, J. L. Thurmond and David Van Houten.

Our Family and Friends in the Military



Jarett Carroll, Randy Johnson,
Darrell McCall, Ben Russell, Stephanie Tovar,
Michael Sullivan and Derek Schulz

Emanuel's Prayer Chain has been revised and Ann Erxleben is the new contact person. Please call Ann at 830-379-5259 with prayer request.



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a reminder:

March 2, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.
Toast to Texas
at the

Sebastopol Historical State Park

Emanuel's will be sounding the Bells along with other Church's.

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