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

Congregational Leadership

Worship Services & Events

Staff

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| 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 |
| Congregation Life & Mission Coordinator | Jim Johnson |
| 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

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Natalie Alexander | Evelyn Dittmar (Secretary) |
| Deb Haug | Pat Hoppe (Vice-President) |
| Denise Hufnagl | Brian Jones |
| Roland Naumann | Ronald Naumann |
| Christa Nichols | Jeanne Palmer (Treasurer) |
| Dennis Sagebiel (President) | Keith Vinyard |

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| August 2, 2009 | 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/ Holy Communion/Hunger Sunday 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Baptism 11:30 am Sunday School Teachers meeting 2 yrs thru 6 th grade |
| August 9, 2009 | 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Acolyte Training 2:00 pm Thanksgiving Planning Meeting |
| August 16, 2009 | 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Confirmands/Parent Meeting 2:00pm -4:00pm Confirmation Retreat going green |
| August 23, 2009 | 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/Installation of Sunday School & Day School Teachers 9:15 am Sunday School |
| August 30, 2009 | 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School/Rally Day 10:30 am Baptism |

From the Pastor

"Go therefore and make disciples."

"Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'"

Mathew 28:19; 9:13

For many people, summer offers rest and renewal. Vacations are planned, the weekly schedule lightens up, and there is the opportunity to pick up a book that one has wanted to read. Summer can be a time to pay attention to what really matters. Summer time can also be a time to really soak in God's Word. This summer I have been reading the gospel of Matthew which is considered by many a teaching Gospel.

One thing that has caught my attention is the way that Matthew portrays Jesus as a teacher and what it means to be community. The community in Mathew's time faced difficult issues of authority and power, identity and lifestyle. We too find ourselves confronted with the same issues, asking who and what can we do to make a difference as a congregation and as the ELCA.

In a few weeks the ELCA Church Wide Assembly will meet at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis Minnesota under the theme: **"God's Work, Our Hands."** The delegates will be asked to address many difficult issues involving authority and power, identity and lifestyle. I ask that everyone keep the delegates and the ELCA Bishops in your prayers. The September newsletter will provide a brief summary of the actions of the assembly. You can also view the assembly as it meets LIVE on the ELCA webpage.

Although the summer months are a time of rest, many things have taken place here at Emanuel's Lutheran Church. The youth certainly have had a full summer. But now we also turn our attention to the fall activities as we anticipate Rally Day, the start of Sunday School, a new Confirmation class, Acolyte training, the start of public school, Communion each and every Sunday, the choirs, hand bells, committee work, fellowship events, a new Day School year, etc. etc... This is indeed an exciting time in the life of the church and we can rest in the assurance that God's Work is being done through our hands.

See you in Church
Pastor Paul

From Willie's Desk

Last month I listed reasons why we need a Senior Ministry here at Emanuel's.

Here are some more:

We need to be concerned about the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of older adults.

We need for our older adults to feel needed and respected.

We need to provide a safe environment facility for spiritual growth.

Celebrate with older adults as reminders that they are the continuation of the church.

The number one reason why we need a Senior Ministry is: GOD Doesn't Forget!

Over the next 15 years the number of people over the age of 50 will increase by 70+%. So regardless of what size church we are, a meaningful Senior Ministry is needed.

Our Staff and Council here at Emanuel's are concerned. Ideas are being shared and plans are being made.

Continue to pray for our church.
Willie

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 August:

August 2 Prince of Peace Lutheran in San Antonio

August 9 Christ Lutheran in Elm Creek

August 16 Resurrection Lutheran in San Antonio

August 23 Emanuel's Lutheran in Seguin

August 30 Shepherd King Lutheran in San Antonio



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.

Guadalupe Regional



MEDICAL CENTER

THANK YOU!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAINS AT GRMC....

In an effort to protect *your* privacy, we are changing our policies as they pertain to how patient information is released to your pastor. You can help your pastor find you when you are a patient in the Medical Center by following these simple steps:

1. Very Soon, you will no longer be asked by the hospital registrar if you want your pastor called.
2. Instead, a chaplain will make every effort to visit you within the first 24 hours of your stay in the Medical Center. *If for some reason you do not receive a visit from the chaplain, please dial 7199 on your bedside phone and ask to see a chaplain.*
3. When the chaplain visits, give them permission to place your name and room number on the "Clergy List" in the chaplain's office. This will make it easier for your pastor to find you.
4. Once this information is recorded in your electronic patient chart, it will be available each and every time you are admitted to GRMC.
5. With the exception of the Intensive Care Unit, every patient room is equipped with a phone at the bedside. *We encourage you to call your church office soon after you are registered to inform them of your room number and your admission to the hospital.* This is the best way to ensure that your pastor is notified.
6. You can reach Emanuel's church office at this number:
830-379-5046
 Your pastor's cell phone number: 830-556-4692
7. If requested by you or your family, the chaplain would be more than happy to call your pastor for you and inform them of your hospital admission.

It is our intention to aid and assist your pastor in their ministry to you. We want to foster meaningful relationships with our local churches and their pastors. If you ever have any concern or need, do not hesitate to call our offices at 830-401-7567 or 830-401-7205.

Thank you

July 11, 2009

Dear Emanuel's Family,

Our family thanks the church family for the memorial service, the luncheon following and the gracious memorial gifts offered by many. I especially thank each one of you for your prayers throughout my mother Ethel Huggins illness.

May God bless you,
 Kathleen Lenz

Day Camp 2009 (July 6-10): We had 108 children registered for camp this year. Approximately 30 of these children participated in our camp in 2008. This year, twenty of the campers were members of Emanuel's, 20 were from CCDC (Community Child Development Center), and 18 were from Rising Star Day Care. Three children from Emanuel's Day School also participated. Thirty five volunteers from Emanuel's and the community assisted the 12 LutherHill staff members. The LutherHill staff stayed with six host families. The Youth and Family Committee, Debbie Dykes and Beth Jahns, the Ladies Aid, the Music Ministry team, and the Joy Circle hosted the evening meals for the staff, and 17 Emanuel's women baked cookies for the week. We appreciate and thank every one who helped make the week a huge success.

Jim & Staff,

I want to thank you for again hosting summer bible camp, the staff were fabulous with my kids, they really enjoy attending your program, they feel comfortable, "Hats off" to you Jim and all who helped make it a success.

God Bless
 Star Sutton!!

Thanks to all who helped with the anniversary event. You did a great job of honoring all couples married 50 years or more. The music, fellowship and food was great. Also a special thanks for the photo, it will be a great remembrance of the day.

The Zipp's
 Albert & Carolyn

Financial News

Comparative Financial Report – June 30, 2009

Assets & Liabilities At June 30

| Assets: | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| Money Market Funds | 239,061 | 247,461 |
| Less: Borrowings Against Money Market Funds to Support Operating Shortfalls | (81,534) | (88,044) |
| Net Remaining Money Market Funds * | 157,527 | 159,416 |
| Endowment Funds | 362,157 | 361,850 |
| Total Assets | 519,684 | 521,267 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Current Cash Deficit | (8,834) | 5,857 |
| Loan at Mission Plus for A/C & Heating Unit | - | - |
| Loan at Mission Plus for Alexander Property | - | - |
| Total Liabilities | (8,834) | 5,857 |
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| Net Assets | \$ 528,518 | \$ 515,409 |
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| Increase/Decrease in Net Assets | | \$ (13,109) |

Income Statement Through June 30

| | 2008 | 2009 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Operating Income | 39,838 | 38,673 |
| Operating Expenses | 36,511 | 43,763 |
| Net Operating Loss | \$ 3,327 | \$ (5,090) |

** 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.*

SUMMER WORSHIPING AND MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST!

Date

2 August
9 August
16 August
23 August
30 August

Liturgical Format

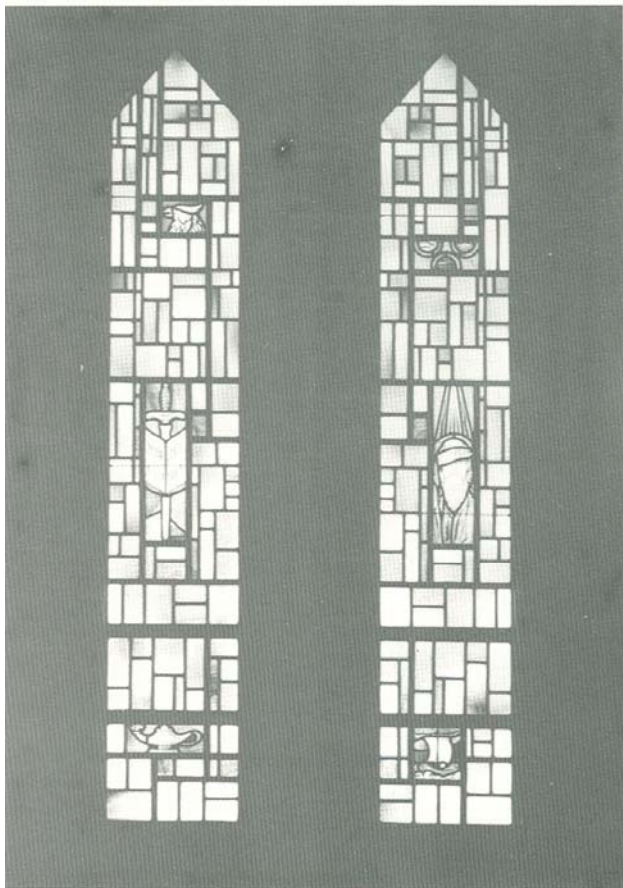
ELW Holy Communion Setting 4 +
ELW Service of the Word *
Now the Feast and Celebration *
ELW Service of the Word +
ELW Holy Communion Setting 10+

- *Summer Singers sing. All are welcome. Meet in Room 305 thirty-five minutes before the service.
- + Soloists and special music people see Tom Engler about scheduling you for solo singing, psalm chanting, etc.

Lectionary Readings for August 2009

| Date | First Reading | Psalm | Second Reading | Gospel |
|--------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Aug 2 | Exod.16:2-4, 9-15 | Ps 78:23-29 | Eph 4:1-16 | John 6:24-35 |
| Aug 9 | I Kings 19:4-8 | Ps 34:1-8 | Eph 4:25-5:2 | John 6:35,41-51 |
| Aug 16 | Prov 9:1-6 | Ps 34:9-14 | Eph 5:15-20 | John 6:51-58 |
| Aug 23 | Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18 | Ps 34:15-22 | Eph 6:10-20 | John 6:56-69 |
| Aug 30 | Deut 4:1-2, 6-9 | Ps 15 | James 1:17-27 | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |

Stained Glass Windows of Emanuel's Lutheran Church



ST. PAUL

- The Phoenix:** Symbolic of the Resurrection as set forth in I Cor. 15.
- The Book & Sword:** "Spiritus Gladius" Latin for "The Sword of the Spirit." Symbolic of God's Word.
- The Lamp:** Symbolic of God's Word. Rom. 10:17.
- The Three Fountains:** I Cor. 13:13. Faith, Hope, Love.
- The Figure Of A Blind Man:** Saul's Conversion on the Road to Damascus.
- The Ship:** Symbolic of the Church carrying Pilgrims through life.

Confirmation Camp 2009
July 12 thru July 17
at Camp Chrysalis
was a Huge Success

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.

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.

Meetings**"Working Wednesdays"**

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|-----------------|---------|----------------------|
| August 5, 2009 | 6:15 pm | Executive Council |
| August 12, 2009 | 6:15 pm | Congregation Council |
| August 19, 2009 | 6:30 pm | All Committee Night |

Faith, Dorcas and Joy Circles
will meet August 12 for a
Joint General Meeting
and Salad Supper at 6:30 PM

Altar Guild
August 9, 2009 at 9:15 am
in the Hospitality Room

Ladies Aid
August 5, 2009 at 2:00 PM
Hostesses Ann Erxleben, Beulah Reiley
and Valeska Meyer





Thrivent Lutheran Night at the Ballpark

**Thursday, August 6, 2009 Ticket Cost
- \$5.50**

San Antonio Missions VS Corpus Christi Hooks

The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The Guadalupe Chapter for Thrivent is planning bus transportation from Seguin. Details coming soon! Plus it's Thursday night and that means everyone gets Dollar Hot Dogs, Dollar Pizza, Dollar Coca-Cola products and Dollar Beer all night long!!!

To reserve your tickets, contact the Church Office by Monday, July 27, 2009.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Men's Bible Study Class led by Dennis Sagebiel will study Books of Numbers and Deuteronomy. The Joy Class led by Christa Nichols and assisted by Julie Sheldon welcomed their new member Johnny. The class is looking forward to the return of assistant Nora Naumann. Beginning on Aug. 9 the Co-Ed Bible Study Class led by Marsha Schroeder will continue studying the Book of Acts.

EMANUEL'S ADULT CLASS AT TLU

"Luther and His Catechisms"

Experience innovative technology currently used in teaching and learning while we participate in this course on the life of Dr. Martin Luther within his historical context. Now it's our turn see how our children and grandchildren will be learning because they will probably need to take a course or two using this technology. We members of Emanuel's are invited to be the "live" audience. A webcam hookup will allow us to see and hear the out-of-state students who are enrolled in this course. Have fun being a student again w/o any report cards!

Who's teaching: Dr. William Russell, a member of Emanuel's and Scholar in Residence at TLU

Where: TLU Classroom in Tschoepe Hall 201 (Rides and carpooling available from Emanuel's)

When: Wednesday evenings from Sept 16 - Dec. 9 from 7:00 - 8:00

What: This course, broadcast live on the Internet, relates Luther's innovations to our contemporary cultural understanding. We will study documents that display clearly the depth of his thinking--and apply major theological doctrines, forged in the Reformation, to our parish ministry today at Emanuel's.

Each class is self-contained so attend as many evenings as possible. Enjoy learning without the stress of being graded.

For questions please contact the church office or Virginia Balter (830-433-4280)

Pre-school and Elementary Sunday School

During August Sunday School for children age 3 through second grade is lighter and craftier. We will learn from videos (Bible story, Veggie Tales, and Davy and Goliath) and enjoy a snack, friendship, games, and crafts.

We meet in Room 215A for singing, prayer, story and crafts. We will memorize the 23rd Psalm....and accumulate our offerings of money and food for a visit to the Christian Cupboard.

Students in Grades 3- 6 meet in downstairs Room 103 A, B with Cindy Schrank and Jane Foreman who plan great interactive lessons. Summer lessons will include the study of worship, lessons on the Holy City of Jerusalem, and favorite Bible passages. There has also been seen in their room a book about "cooking the Bible".....so maybe they will also be enjoying some flavorful Bible stories!

On Sunday School Rally Day, August 30, we will enjoy special Bible story-related activities which remind us how God's Word helps us in Preparing for Life's Journey.

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



Help Emanuel's Save paper and postage!

Emanuel's newsletters are posted on our webpage each month. To find the newsletter on line, go to www.emanuels-seguin.org. At Emanuel's home page, find "Info Center" in the left hand directory and click on it. This will take you to the "Info Center" page. On this page, click on the "Newsletter" icon and choose the current month's newsletter. You may print a copy from your home printer if you wish. You will also find the "Worship Leaders Schedule" and the "Lectionary Lessons" on this page.

Starting with the August newsletter, we will mail a paper copy only to those members requesting a paper copy. We will also send worship leaders weekly reminders by email unless you have requested a paper copy. By doing this we hope to save paper and postage.

Please complete the information below and return it to the church office. You may place your completed form in the offering plate.



Check One for Newsletter

- I want to receive newsletters by email only. I will keep the church office updated with my current email address.
- I want to continue receiving paper copies of newsletters by mail.

Check One for Worship Leaders Reminders

- I want to receive worship leaders reminders by email only. I will keep the church office updated with my current email address.
- I want to continue receiving paper copies of worship leaders reminders by mail.

Please Print

Name _____

Email _____

Home (____) ____ - ____ Cell (____) ____ - ____

Work (____) ____ - ____

Home Address _____

General Meeting of Women of ELCA- AUGUST 12, Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.

Emanuel's Women of ELCA invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a salad supper and program starting at 6:30 p.m. We have two speakers for our program-- Rhonda Westerfield, SWT Synod Task Force Chairman of Cherish Our Children, and Michelle Richards, Community Relations Manager for Mosaic. An invitation has been extended to the Women of ELCA of Faith Lutheran Church. Hostesses for this meeting are members of Faith Circle.

Following the program there will be a business meeting in which we will elect new officers for the 2010-2011 biennium. A Nominations Committee composed of Marie Jo Billnitzer, Whitney Bischoff and Elaine Giesber was elected in January. If you know of someone or you personally would be

interested in serving as a leader in our organization, please let one of the members of Nominations Committee know. Positions for election of officers for 2010-2011 are President, Treasurer, and Mission Action: Lutheran World Relief Chairman, and Mission Action: Bereaved Lunches. We also need to elect someone to the position of Mission Growth for the year 2010.

WHAT TO BRING: A large portion of your favorite salad and a donation for the disabled adults served by Mosaic (formerly Martin Luther Homes). Suggested items: personal care items (for men or women); bedding for twin size beds; simple games/puzzles/craft projects appropriate for adult interests.

SWT Texas Synod & TX/LA Gulf Coast Synod Convention

Women from both synods will gather August 7-9 under the theme "Joined in Christ", at Camp Allen Conference & Retreat Center in Navasota, Texas. Linda Post Bushkofsky, Churchwide Executive Director will be the keynote speaker. Chaplain Stacy Kitahata, Washington State Synod (our sister synod) will lead us in Bible Study and conduct several workshops. Experience worship and relaxation with hundreds of your sisters in Christ from Texas and Louisiana in the beautiful piney woods near Navasota. Registration forms are now available and there are scholarships to assist with expenses. Contact Barbara Effenberger for more information.

Church Women United will meet Friday, September 4, at 2:00 p.m. The Fall Fellowship and Annual Meeting will be held at the Second Baptist Church in Seguin.

All Christian women are invited to worship and meet others with common concerns.

November 6 – Emanuel's will host the CWU World Community Day Celebration.

FAITH CIRCLE will be changing the meeting date for Circle Meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting of Faith Circle will be Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 11 – THANKOFFERING SERVICE

The Rev. Lynn Schudy Zies, Assistant to Bishop Tiemann, has been invited to be our guest speaker.

A reminder that this is a good time to purchase school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits.

Our Congregation



The Families of

Ethel Huggins
 Janice Jarzombek
 (Earlene's sister-in-law)
 Walter Bargfrede
 (Rodney's dad)
 M'Liss Stevens
 (Clara Rauch's daughter)
 Melsie Melton

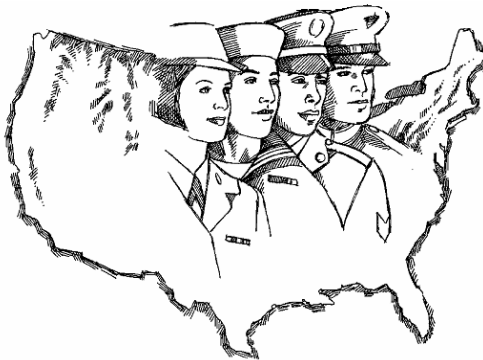
Prayers requested Members

Harold Brodt, Jo Emily Prochnow, Mike Haug,
 Abigail Henk, Dewitt Odom, Tommy Jordan,
 Roy Hairr, Glendora Ewald, Laura Merz and
 Cynthia Daugherty

Friends & Family

Joy Alexander, David Van Houten,
 Wayne Reinger, Misty Miller, Tom Hill,
 Linda Mosley, Lillian Sadowski,
 Donna Ethridge, Taylor Helms, Lisa Wisdom,
 Ceria Goulart, Scott Roessing, Lettie Morgan,
 O. D. Barbre and Barbara Kilian

Our Family and Friends in the Military



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

Day School News

As one door is closed, another one opens. One of the fascinating aspects of my job is that I witness happenings that strongly indicate that God is looking over us. A very sad time was when Irma McGarity had to resign because of health problems. And just as I was beginning to believe that I had a replacement, that person had to move unexpectedly due to her husband's employment. It was back to the pile of applicants from which I felt that I had already chosen the best one. That door seemed very closed. The very day that a new aide also resigned, I opened the door and found Holly Olson seeking employment. Not only was she really like a breath of fresh air with her cheerful, positive attitude and quick understanding; she also brought with her a fantastic resume! She obtained a B.S. in Education with an endorsement in elementary education in 2004 and holds the following certifications: Early Childhood through Eighth Grade, Gifted and Talented, and Red Cross CPR and First Aid. So... can she apply this education? She taught Sixth Grade Science in Canyon Lake, Early Childhood in Seguin Head Start, and Kindergarten at Vogel Elementary. Too good to be true? Maybe. But she did bring a lot of sunshine as she came through that door, and God does watch over Emanuel's Day School.