

EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH MID-WEEK ENEWS NOTES

EPIPHANY SEASON



This Sunday (2/05/2012) is **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany** in our liturgical year – the color is **GREEN**. Following, you will find the lessons for the day.

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The leper is confident in Jesus' power to heal. Naaman, on the other hand, is comically hard to convince that he can be healed by such an unlikely foreigner as Elisha, who directs him to wash in such a sorry excuse for a river as the Jordan. Jesus' healing power is here among us in the ordinary water of the font, in the ordinary bread, in the ordinary people who make up the body of Christ. We would be well-advised to take the advice of the least powerful among us (like the servant girl in Naaman's household) if we want to find the one who will heal us.

[The Lessons for this Sunday:](#)

2 KINGS 5:1-14

PSALM 30

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

MARK 1:40-45

Jesus said, "I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

— Luke 15:10 (NRSV)



The Lord rejoices when we ask for direction and forgiveness.

- from Upper Room Daily Devotions

Emmaus Members Home Bound

Marie Preiser
Skip Tether
Bruce Collins
Don & Irene Parker
Elmira Zwecker
Elsie Hufford
Wilma Weigel
Gary & Norma Crozier
Mike Simmons
Nellie Oyler
Herman & Audrey Osterloh
Lillian Kilburn
Lorron Caryl
Charlotte Jankovic
Dorothy Frazier
Virginia Kelley
Esther Jackson
Marian Rakow & Charlie Brooks
Helen Long
Maureen Avellino
Fran Schlundt

Susan Beslity
Martha Rambis
Betty Zaiser

PRAYER CHAIN

Matt Derrick
Sherry Oaks
Mike Johnson,
Morgan Zarbuck
Don Parker
Miriam Parsons
Marian Lindberg
Ongoing:
Rita Guarino,
Larry Gatrell,
Lora Onsgard,
Kristi Wilson,
Michael Bloch,
Bill Beehner,

Martha Rambis,
Susan Beslity,
Debbie Bartnick,
Virginia Kelly,
Dawn Heagy,
Patty
Kistenmacher,
Bonnie Corban,
Marie Preiser,
Helen Long.
Helen Trace
Dan & Bonnie
Russell

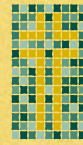


Blake Dodds Germany
Nathan Swen Virginia
Britt Gray Jordan
Kyle Welch Colorado
Christopher Dyusings
Hawaii
Larry Linton Iraq
Daryl Blalack
Afghanistan
Mark Fragoso Italy
Gerry Frisbie Iraq
Eric Fragoso Kuwait

Clifford Prether US
Justin Jackson Iraq
Sean H Wickett
Afghanistan
Jose Fragoso
Afghanistan
Justin Rush England
Nichole Carter Navy
Reserves
Ryan Nemeth Texas
Roger Fiedler Afganistan

“REACHING OUT

IN THE NAME OF



CHRIST”

Stewardship Thought

In this week’s passage from the Gospel of Mark we read that, after working all day and all night healing people, Jesus got up while it was still dark “and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed” (Mark 1:35).

I wonder what he prayed. We know that one of his prayers is the one we call the Lord’s Prayer. But I don’t imagine he prayed those exact words over and over again. Part of the style of Jewish prayer was to take a well-known prayer and focus on just one little piece, and pray that little piece.

Jesus taught us in the Lord’s Prayer to ask for our daily bread. There are many different meanings we can put to that phrase. One meaning is suggested by a prayer from the book of Proverbs. A person named Agur taught us to pray for no more and no less than our daily bread, and he explained why.

In his prayer, found in Proverbs 30:7-9, Agur explains that poverty might lead him into temptation to steal. But riches, too, are a trap. If he is too satisfied he might deny his need for God.

It’s impossible to say if Agur’s prayer had any influence on Jesus when he taught his disciples to pray, but this unique prayer pleads for daily bread to avoid both the temptation of wanting more or the deprivation of having less than our daily bread.

Now imagine what the world would be like if no one was caught at either extreme and if everyone had their daily bread. Our offerings, given in a spirit of thanksgiving, seek to do just that! Meditate upon that, and think about the prayer of Agur as you consider your offering.

Stewardship Sentence

Do not seek for what does not satisfy. God’s abundance is for all.

2012 Council Members

Larry Hill - President
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Angie Shaffer - Vice President
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PHOTOS NEEDED

If you have any digital photos of the following ministries in action, please send them via e-mail to Ruth Dyer (redyer@comcast.net) as soon as possible. The photos will be used in a slide presentation for the Cottage Gatherings to be held in the near future. Please identify the people in the photo so we can see have a release on file.

Evangelism
Fellowship
Finance
Personnel
Property
Stewardship
Sunday School
Sunday School/Adult

WELCA
*Advent Tea
*Prayer Shawl
*Book Review
*Hearts & Hands
*LWR Quilters
*Bible Study Circles
Worship & Music

Boy Scouts
Cub Scouts
Girl Scouts
AA
Youth
Social Ministry
Altar Guild
Wonderful Wednesday

Emmaus Praise & Pinch Feedback System

This method of feedback deals with joys, concerns, feelings, and opinions you may have about what is (or is not) happening at Emmaus. It provides opportunity for you to communicate about ways we are doing well in our ministry together and areas that might need attention. Such input and feedback helps us all to be faithful in carrying out our mission.

Here's how the system works. The **secure/ confidential box**, is located **in the narthex**. This box is for the "Praise & Pinch" forms which are available next to the box along with the *Role Renegotiation Model* for sustaining meaningful relationships (see next week's eNews&Notes). This is the model on which the feedback system is based.

- 1. Write out your praise or pinch on the form, sign it, date it and place it in the confidential Praise & Pinch Box.**
2. Forms will be collected by a member of the Executive Committee.
- 3. You will be contacted** to let you know that your form has been received and to **clarify** with you **the content of your input** and what you would like to see happen.
4. You will then be told **how your message will be handled** according to the *Dealing with Criticism in Organizations* principles. (A copy of these principles is on the back of this form.)
- 5. Following this conversation (#s 3 & 4 above) your message will be delivered** to the appropriate ministry, person, or group. **Follow through** will include communicating to you the final outcome of your feedback.

Throughout this process **confidentiality** will be maintained according to the outline in the *Dealing with Criticism in Organizations* document (see next week's eNews&Notes).

DON'T FORGET THE Kick Off Meeting

Thrivent Builds will have their Kick Off meeting in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 7th. We will meet from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided. The Build team and representatives from Habitat for Humanity along with other participating churches will be present. The plan for the Build and other information needed will be provided. Many participants will be needed in many different capacities to make this project successful.

Some financial support will be needed as well as laborers. All materials and tools will be provided. Support people to provide refreshment for workers will also be sought. Come be a part of this incredible event and fellowship opportunity!

Angie Shaffer
Thrivent Build Specialist

Sunday Guests!!!

Our guests next Sunday, Feb. 5th at the 11:00 service will be the cello studio of Mr. David Bjella from Stetson University. Our own Nathan Cook is now a student at Stetson and a member of the cello studio. We look forward to their musical offerings. Other members of the Cello choir are: Elise Jimenez, Bridget Johnston, Rebecca Vega, Courtney Renfro, Sean Cortes, Ariel Arthur, Ricardo Rodriguez, Lohengrin Velasquez, Matt Urquhart, Meg Spivey, Nathan Cook, Courtney Van Cleef.

The famous *Cellobration* concert will take place at Stetson University in Elizabeth Hall on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30. Please plan to attend if you are able.



WOMEN'S NEWS

At the Women's Group meeting last week, we tied 21 quilts and assembled 32 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We would like to thank all the ladies who contributed to the kits, and who came to help out. Thanks also to the kitchen crew for the coffee, pastries, and delicious Stone Soup we had for lunch.

Officers have been elected for the 2012 year. **Joan Fisher** and **Laura Kirkland** will serve as co-presidents, **Susannah Trittschuh** and **Lois Bult** will serve as co-secretaries, and **Judy Holter** will continue as Treasurer. We will be seeking help throughout the year from women willing to take on responsibility for planning and organizing various events. We would like all Emmaus women to be involved, so please give prayerful consideration to the ways in which you feel called to contribute. We will post a calendar of upcoming Women's events in the Fellowship Hall, and there will be sign-up sheets on the Women's bulletin Board, so please take a look at what's going on and get involved!



CROP Hunger Walk – Six weeks from this Sunday, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need Walkers and sponsors for the **West Volusia CROP Hunger Walk on March 11, 2012. Starting next week** please see

Joan Fisher or other team member in the narthex for more details and to sign up to be a Walker, a sponsor, or both. Before then, you may call **Joan Fisher** at **386-956-2619** or contact her by email at joanfisher2011@gmail.com for more information. Emmaus has not participated in this event for the last two years but in years past we have had many walkers and sponsors. Walk starts at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, March 11th and will start and finish at Bill Dreggors Park on Stone Street, DeLand. Money raised will be shared to support the Interfaith Kitchen in DeLand and Church World Services hunger projects around the world. Thanks for helping feed the hungry both in our community and throughout the world.

FOOD PANTRY

Just a reminder, we are still in need of volunteers to sign up for the Food Pantry. We will train you as we work with you, or just come and observe and see if it is something you might enjoy doing.

This weekend, Feb 4-5 we will be receiving our First of the Month Food Pantry Collection especially for folks who find it difficult to bring in food items but want to help us keep the food pantry stocked. We welcome everyone's contribution to this ministry and are thankful for your generosity.

Food Pantry Needs

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned soups
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Meats (tuna, Chicken, etc.)
- Tomato Sauce
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti or other Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese Dinners
- Powered Milk

Food Pantry Volunteers
Jan 31 Karen Weller & Ricky Henning
Feb 2 Joan Fisher & Jonell Hanson



Thank you for your donations!

News from Evangelism and Stewardship Committees

We are in the planning stages of scheduling area “Cottage Gatherings” for Emmaus members, as a way to get to know one another better. During the cottage meetings, members will be given an opportunity to share their future hopes and dreams for Emmaus, including but not limited to, what new programs they may envision as we live into the future together. Each area cottage will have a host and a leader. We are hoping everyone will be involved in these gatherings. Keep watching your weekly E-News and Church announcements for more details. If you would like to help with this project please contact Larry Hendricksen at 386-479-1005.

As part of the cottage gatherings, we are hoping to have a DVD presentation put together, highlighting the different ministries that Emmaus members participate in. However, we have been made aware that any photo, (digital or print) of any child or adult before being shown publicly, needs to have a signed form from that person/guardian, stating that permission has been given to use their picture. So we are working on this as well. Our plan is to make permission forms available to families/individuals of the congregation so we have them on file.

So if you have digital photos depicting ministries at Emmaus please send them to Ruth Dyer at redyer@comcast.net. (along with the names of the people in the picture). We will be able to use your submissions after we get written approval.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Info for those in need of a Florida ID

If you or anyone you know is in need of a Florida ID, IDignity Deland is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012. The time is from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. (first come, first served). Arrive early as intake will end when capacity is reached. Location is First Baptist Church of Deland, 725 N. Woodland Blvd., Deland, FL. In order to obtain or replace a Florida ID, you will need the following:

1. Proof of identification
2. Proof of your social security number
3. Proof of residency

BIRTHDAYS!!



2	Dave	Hendrickson
3	Brian	Collins
3	Allison	Porterfield
6	Richard	Holden
8	Jean	Hendricksen
8	Jade	Hopke
9	Dr El	Holstius
10	Trevor	Kretzman
10	Miriam	Large
12	Melinda	Kline
12	Lee	Schultz
13	Robin	Billmeier
13	Deborah	Pinner
15	Edgar	Cromie
16	Bob	Horak
16	Norm	Lewis

FEBRUARY

16	Ray	Lorimer
17	Carol	Atherton
17	Dorothy	Franz
20	Ron	Clark
23	Lois	Bult
23	Irene	Parker
24	Diane	Trujillo-Arroyo
25	Nick	Harrison
25	Nicole	Watts
26	Aly	Hendrickson
27	Alyssa	Dasso
27	Melissa	Yesse
28	Pat	Clouser
28	Nancy	Grant
28	Jacque	Porterfield

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS!!

Christopher	Channell
Bruce	Collins
Caitlyn	Franklin
Ethan	Franklin
Sandy	Freyre
Doug	Gatrell
Chancellor	Hansen
Maryann	Hermann
Christian	Hopke
Jarret	Jackson

Ashlyn
Sharon
Christine
Bill
Jim
Ethan
Chip
John
Linda

James
Kurth
McMullen
Ostling
Shaw
Smith
Tether
Trittschuh
Weiler



10	Al & Jacque Porterfield
10	Ralph & Ruth Dodds
10	Jeff & Chrissy Boals
12	Russell & Nancy Grant
14	Jim & Cindy Shaw
15	Thom & Shelly Mannebach
16	Dave & Faye Nelson
24	Chris & Corene Beehner



1. Email addresses for church:

Pastor: pastornorma@charter.net

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Music – Barbara Larson: emmausmusic@embarqmail.com

Youth – Suzanna Manning: TBD

2. Please call the office (Debbi) or Pastor Norma, direct, if someone is in the hospital or in need of pastoral care.

Church office: (386) 775-9676

Pastor Norma (direct): (865) 387-2105

3. If you have any news items to be sent with this weekly newsletter, please email them to: emmausoffice@embarqmail.com. By Wednesday of each week!

4. If you do not want to receive this email, please call the office and let us know.

5. If you would prefer to receive these weekly News Notes printed you can find them in the Narthex every Sunday morning. If they have all been taken, please contact the office.

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