

The Good News

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Home of Shelter Care Ministries & Emmanuel Soup Kitchen ~ Founding Member of Jeremiah Development

Community Organizing Introductory Sessions

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Once again, Emmanuel will host Mike Gecan from Industrial Areas Foundation. Mike will lead a two session introduction to Community Organizing on Wednesday, April 18 and Friday, April 20 from 6–8 P.M.

Dinner is provided – all you have to do is contact Bob Hillenbrand in order to register, bobbrockford@aol.com. Thus far we have had over 125 people participate in these sessions. More and more people are becoming interested in the amazing benefits to a city when it has a united voice on behalf of the welfare of the people. If you have not yet heard Mike Gecan, please do attend.

Watch For More Information About These Dates

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Saturday, April 28 –The Great American Clean-up

Sunday, April 29 – Shelter Care Sunday at Emmanuel

Sunday, May 5 – Faith at the End of Your Fork
Workshops and presentations including speaker, Anna Lappe, author of “Diet for a Hot Planet.” Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (brochures on the kiosk).

New Signage – We Hope! We Hope!

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Have you given much thought to the fact that the address of Emmanuel leads you to two not very attractive red doors on Church street that provide no access to the building? Have you ever watched people arriving for a wedding stand outside and puzzle over which building and then which door to

approach? Our signage is not very good – in fact it is downright poor.

The Congregations Commission is offering Incentive Grants to move congregations forward in mission. Grants are in the amount of \$4,000. As of the deadline of March 30, 2012, we will have submitted a grant proposal to improve our signage in a major way – inside and out. We hope, we really do hope, that this grant proposal will be approved.

Grubby Sunday – April 15, 2012

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Wear your not-so-great clothes, bring your gardening gloves, shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. April 15 is Grubby Sunday. Together we will mulch the garden beds and do a general clean-up of the grounds. Even the children will have a chance to get involved. Work will take place between the 8 and 10:30 services and again following the 10:30 service.

**Save the Date:
Shelter Care Ministries’
Spring Luncheon
Thursday, May 10, 2012**



*By Mary Nielsen &
The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand*
The Shelter Care Spring Luncheon is in need of baskets suitable for holding one, two or three live plants. They can be left in the Shelter Care office. Thanks so much.

From the Rector

The Reverend Pamela M. Hillenbrand

Ending Our Lenten Journey

We are now ready to enter Jerusalem as Holy Week begins. With Jesus, we will sit at table for the last supper; with the women, we will stand at the base of the cross, and with Mary, we will marvel at the empty tomb.

Palm Sunday April 1, 2012 Services at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. with the Children's service at 9:00 A.M. At 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. we will gather in the Jubilee Center if the weather permits. If not, we will gather in the parish hall. This is a Sunday of dramatic mood swing. We begin with shouts of joy and hosanna, waving our palm branches. But joy turns to fear as Jesus is arrested and tried.

In the evening, from 5-7 P.M. we will have another opportunity to walk the labyrinth again. This spiritual discipline is an appropriate way to enter Holy Week.

Wednesday, April 4 We return to a 10 A.M. service of Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist, having completed our Lenten Soup Programs the previous week. There will be no adult study this day.

Maundy Thursday April 5 At 7 P.M. we gather to learn of how Jesus expressed his love for his disciples by washing their feet, and in so doing, taught them the importance of being a servant to all. We show our willingness to love and be loved, to serve and be served, by participating in washing one another's feet. Then we gather at the rail to receive communion for the last time before Easter. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 6 The liturgy begins at noon. The palms, the basins and towels, the candles and crosses are gone. The chancel is stark and the door to the tabernacle stands ajar with nothing inside. Only a crucifix is present for our veneration. Abstinence from the Sacrament becomes a way for us to emphasize the reality of Jesus' death and the sense of loss experienced by his disciples.

Saturday, The Great Easter Vigil – The evening begins at 7 P.M., for those who are interested, with an hour devoted to walking the labyrinth. At 8 P.M. the Vigil Service begins with the new flame from which we light the paschal candle and then our own individual candles. Together we process into the church.

Easter Day, April 8 Services at 8 A.M., 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. The 8 A.M. service will be a spoken Eucharist; at 9:00 A.M. we will have the children's service; and at 10:30 A.M. we will have a choral festal Eucharist with Holy Baptism. The "Alleluia" will return to our liturgy. Our Lenten pilgrimage now comes to its glorious conclusion with the Eucharistic celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

At 9:00 A.M. everyone is welcome to gather in the parish hall to share an Easter breakfast. At noon we will begin the children's Easter Egg Hunt.

All children are invited to participate in

Emmanuel's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

immediately following the 10:30 A.M. Easter service. Bring your basket!

Amy Gustafson

Thank You To Dale Thomas

For longer than I have been at Emmanuel, Dale Thomas has scheduled acolytes and lectors for both services, made sure everyone would be here for our major feast days, and kept track of everyone's crazy schedules. Every month Dale would meet the Good News deadline and keep us all in the know of when and what we were doing. Now Dale has decided that it is time for him to pass this ministry on to someone else. Might that be you???

THANK YOU, Dale, for doing this unseen ministry so well and for so long. You had us all spoiled!!



Men's Group Meets 2nd Saturday in April

By Lou Matjasko

Our monthly meeting is Saturday the 14th at 7:30 A.M. in the Undercroft. We continue on the historical perspectives on the New Testament with two more 30 minute lectures with Dr. Bart Ehrman on Paul. There will be coffee and refreshments, time to catch up with each other, and time for discussion. We will be out by 9:30 A.M. Please call Lou Matjasko with questions, 815-624-7690.

Don't Miss the April Music On Main Concert!

By Trish Rooney

Music On Main Artistry by Twos and Threes:
Music for Viola, Violin and Flute

Monday, April 9, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

Emerson House
420 North Main Street
Rockford, Illinois 61103

Don't miss the April Music On Main concert! This performance will feature Carol Yampolsky, violin; Henrietta Neeley, viola; and Scott Metlicka, flute. All three musicians have also performed in various professional ensembles throughout the Midwest, including symphonies in Rockford, Elgin, Elmhurst, Green Bay and Madison, as well as with various chamber groups such as the award-winning Mendelssohn Chamber Orchestra.

Program to include movements from:

- Duo Concertante for Violin and Viola (Bruni)
- Serenade in D major for Flute, Violin and Viola (Reger)
- Sonata 1 for Violin and Viola (Haydn)
- Serenade in D major for Flute, Violin and Viola (Beethoven)

Relax and unwind at Music On Main...our series of brief and intimate after-work concerts, held at our historic Emerson House in the heart of downtown Rockford. Experience beautiful music, mingle with the artists, enjoy complimentary wine and cheese, and relax with your friends. Doors open at 5:00 P.M. Seating is limited, so arrive early! Suggested donation is \$10 at the door. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Shelter Care Ministries.

PipeSpectacular

By Trish Rooney

The Rockford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present PipeSpectacular on Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 P.M. at First Lutheran Church (225 South Third Street, Rockford). Performers will include Aaron Kortze and Rachel Schmitt, recipients of Kay Hotchkiss Organ Scholarships. Jean Anderson, Ron Anderson, James Brown, Gregory Gyllsdorff, Trish Rooney and Jea Yi will also be featured. The organ at First Lutheran has been recently renovated by Fabry Pipe Organ Company. The event is free and an offering will be taken.

Emmanuel Reads the Classics

By Mary S. Johnson

The April meeting of Emmanuel Reads the Classics was March 29th when we discussed Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys. (Our regular first Thursday of the month meeting was superceded by Maundy Thursday.) We have chosen Emma by Jane Austen for May 3rd and the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams for June 7th. As usual, you may contact Mary S. Johnson with questions and/or suggestions, 226-1112.

Lenten Luncheons 2012

By Judy Pike

We had another successful series for our Lenten Lunch And Learning. "Uppity Women of the Bible" was the theme this year.

Pretty tough women seemed to be the story lines. 89 people attended.

I would like to thank all of the generous people who supplied us with great soups, sandwiches and cookies.

Thank you to: Kathy Fillmore, Jean Frana, Judy Pike, Mary E. Johnson, Nancy Dale, Mary S. Johnson, Linnea Liken-Aduddell, Mary Nielsen, Joyce Apitz, Ann Brace, Cathy Ritts, Adrienne Walker, Maryanne Theyerl, Sally Jorgensen, Denease Cappelli, Susan Chambers, Thank you Pastor Pam, and we will all be looking forward to our annual Lenten Lunch and Learning next year.

Easter Basket Project

By Trish Rooney

Thanks to everyone in the congregation who participated in the Easter Basket Project. The Shelter Care staff delivered a basket to each of the 46 children in the 19 families currently being served by Shelter Care Ministries. Each family also received an Easter lily with a card from the congregation.



Rosa Birnbaum & Kathy Torrence fill Easter eggs with candy (photo & caption by Trish Rooney).

Grace Guild Restructures Schedule

Grace Guild has made the following changes:

1. The guild will meet every other month (odd numbered months) with the exception of January.
2. Meetings will be moved to the second Monday of each month.
3. Meetings will begin at 6:30 P.M.
4. All meetings will be held at the Olympic.

Meeting reminder emails will continue to be sent out, but if you'd like to mark your calendars in advance, here are our future meeting dates:

Monday, May 14th
Monday, July 19th
Monday, September 10th
Monday, November 12th



The Bishop's Associates Lunch

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Did you know that Ron and Jan Wanninger are Bishop's Associates? Associates support the bishop in his ministry to individual congregations through their prayers, promoting diocesan programs and by developing financial resources for special ministries and projects.

The Board Members of the Bishop's Associates extend an invitation to the Annual Spring Luncheon in honor of The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Dean Lee and the Rt. Rev. Christopher Epting. The luncheon will take place on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at the Union League Club (65 W. Jackson – between Clark and Dearborn – parking available in garage on Federal Street immediately south of the Club.)

Refreshments begin at 11:30 A.M. Lunch at 12:15. The speaker will be Bishop Lee.

Cost: \$45 Register by contacting Crystal Plummer at 312/751-4206, cplummer@episcopalchicago.org

Public Radio

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

We are entering WNIJ Public Radio's spring membership campaign. If this is the time you generally give to WNIJ or WNIU, please make your check out to Emmanuel, noting WNIJ on the memo line. We will forward all money received to the radio station, and in return receive free advertising minutes.



(Photo by Millie Zimmermann)

Schedules

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your scheduler directly. If you are unable to serve on a given day, please arrange for a substitute.

Chalichists and Servers

Scheduled by The Parish Office, 964-5514

April 1 – Palm Sunday

8 a.m. (Lector is named first) Ty, Julie, Michael
10:30 a.m. Chalichists: Stacey, Bill S., Michael; Crucifer: Bill S.;
Torches: Emily, Sam; MC: Stacey; Server: Hannah R.

April 8 – Easter

8 a.m. Tammy, Jordan, Michael
10:30 a.m. Chalichists: Susan R., Sandy B., Barrie G.; Crucifer,
Bill S.; Torches: Jordan M., Briana; MC: Zak (and ribbons)
Server: Corrine; Sub Deacon: Michael; Thurifer: Stacey

April 15

8 a.m. Julie, Ty, Michael
10:30 a.m. Chalichists: Stacey, Cindy J. Michael; Crucifer: Logan;
Torches: Amber, Elora; MC: Michael; Server: Amber

April 22

8 a.m. Jordan, Michael
10:30 a.m. Chalichists: Stacey, Sandy, Michael; Crucifer: Michael;
Torches: Hannah R., Sam; MC: Stacey; Server: Hannah R.

April 29

8 a.m. Tammy, Michael, Julie
10:30 a.m. Chalichists: Bill S., Michael, Susan R.; Crucifer: Bri-
ana; Torches: Emily, Jordan; MC: Michael; Server: Briana

Lectors

Old Testament
New Testament
Prayers of the People

April 1 Dennis
Judy
Theresa
April 8 Ben
Cathy
Nancy S.
April 15 Alan
Susan C.
Millie
April 22 Bill Scarpaci
Mary D.
Bob H.
April 29 Marge H.
Susan R.
Nancy D.

Altar Guild

Scheduled by Mary Johnson, 963-0728

April 2-8 Nancy and Stacey Sauer, Gale Degner,
Sue Roberts
9-15 Maryanne Theyerl, Joyce Apitz
16-22 Mary Johnson, Susan Rubendall
23-29 Nancy Smith, Barb Penn
30-May 6 Janet James, Kathy Fillmore

Closers

Scheduled by Rosa Birnbaum, 873-8077
Betsy Parker

Counters

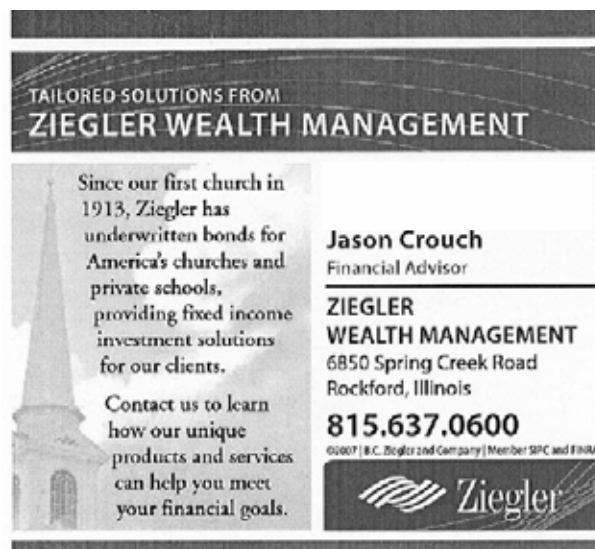
Scheduled by Ron Wanninger, 968-4753
Mary E. Johnson, Dale Thomas, & Betsy Parker

Ushers

Tom Beck & Byron Dale - 8:00 A.M.
Robert & Betsy Parker - 10:30 A.M.

For 5th Usher:

TOM BECK - 4/1
BYRON DALE - 4/08
ROBERT PARKER - 4/15
BETSY PARKER - 4/22
ROBERT CRAWFORD - 4/29



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Our Community

Birthdays

Taylor Licon	04/01
Bob Hillenbrand	04/02
Laura Telling	04/02
Fredrick Johnson	04/05
Cheryl Rogers	04/06
Megan Birnbaum	04/07
Flute Saenz	04/09
Kristen Garza	04/14
Daniel Nicholas	04/16
Tony Martin	04/19
Micky Miller	
Oscar Garza III	04/20
Michael Lewis	04/23
Barbara Penn	04/27
Elizabeth Parker	04/28
Sharon Dempster	04/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Doug & Cheryl Rogers 04/29

The House Is Occupied

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

809 Winnebago, the house that Jeremiah Development restored, is occupied. And the best thing is that it is newly occupied by one of our very own. Charmaine Logwood is renting the house with an option to buy. Charmaine works at the Jubilee Center – stop in and congratulate her!! She loves the house.



Thank You -

Anthony and Norma Cameron wish to express sincere appreciation for the outpouring of support at the time of our daughter's death. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, flowers and donations in her memory. We realize how much our Emmanuel family means to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. The Lord bless you.

Peter Is Still Working

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

Although the choir room is completed, and the new choir office is almost done, Peter Joachim continues to solve problems at Emmanuel. Right now he is addressing the water seepage problems we have had for years in the church and he has made a few discoveries. For example, a pipe that is part of our lawn watering system passed right through an underground runoff pipe, causing the runoff pipe to become severed and totally clogged with dirt. Peter exposed the problem area, unclogged the pipe and repaired it. He has unclogged our eaves and all of the underground runoff pipes. He and Ramon are also repositioning some of our gutters that extend too far under the eaves.

It is impossible to adequately describe the concern and care Peter has for our building – for him it is a mission. Peter's latest project has been to address all the deterioration caused by moisture and mold at the bottom of the old stairwell on the lower level by the music office. We are very fortunate to have Peter and Ramon working with us to keep our building sound!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PALM SUNDAY 1 8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart 9:30 Christian Formation 10:30 Choral HE 5:30p Labyrinth Open Walk	2 Parish Office C L O S E D	3 6p Inquirers	4 10a HE, Chapel 10:30 No Adult Study	5 7p Maundy Thursday Liturgy	6 12n Good Friday Liturgy	7 7p Labyrinth Walk 8p Easter Vigil
EASTER 8 8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart 9:30 Parish Easter Breakfast 10:30 Choral HE 11:45 Pastoral Care Com	9 Parish Office C L O S E D	10 6p Grace Guild	11 10a NO HE 10:30 No ADULT STUDY	12 5:30p Jeremiah Board Mtg	13	14 7:30a Men's Group 9a Jeremiah Gardening Day 9a Flower Guild
Grubby Sunday 15 8a Spoken HE 9a Children at Heart 9:30 Christian Formation 10:30 Choral HE	16 Parish Office C L O S E D	17	18 10a HE, Chapel 10:30 Adult Study	19 11a Emmanuel Guild 6p Vestry Mtg	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21
8a Spoken HE 22 9a Children at Heart 9:30 Christian Formation 10:30 Choral HE 12n Mentor Meeting	23 Parish Office C L O S E D	24	25 10a HE, Chapel 10:30 Adult Study 5:30p SC Board	26	27	28
8a Spoken HE 29 9a Children at Heart 9:30 Christian Formation 10:30 Choral HE	30 Parish Office C L O S E D					