

The Good News

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Children at Heart: a Service with and for Young Children & Their Families

By Amy Gustafson

Do you recall your experience of worship when you were a young child? Or, is it perhaps easier to remember what it was like to have your own children or grandchildren in church? Maybe you are reading this as a current parent of little ones who are wiggly, squirmy and sometimes noisy, and who can't yet see over the top of the pew. Even with the beautiful multi-sensory rituals present in our Sunday morning services, it is very challenging to help a young child understand what is going on, much less to expect that they will maintain attention and focus. We want our children to feel engaged, included, and important in worship, and to help adult family members feel entirely comfortable in allowing their children to be present in worship - wiggles, squirminess and noisiness included!

The Christian Formation Committee has been working very hard to identify and address the needs of young children and their families in worship. What began as a field trip to Grace Episcopal Church in Oak Park (where we attended their children's service called "The Rite Place") has evolved into an enthusiastic decision to add a new service to our Sunday morning schedule. "Children at Heart" will be held weekly from 9:00-9:30 a.m., and is suggested for families with babies, toddlers and children up to late grade school. Children will be involved in all aspects of the service, including being greeters, participating in the processional, collecting the offering and serving communion. We will also involve older youth in worship leader roles.

Although Children at Heart will maintain the same general format and structure that we enjoy at the 10:30 service, we will have some significant and child-friendly differences. To begin with, we will sit in the front of the sanctuary - on the floor and around a low altar. No trying to peer over a

pew at this service! There will be lots of music with simple and repetitive lyrics so that children can actually sing along. Children will be able to see and experience rituals in a developmentally appropriate manner they can understand. Worship will last a half an hour, and wiggles are welcome! (Parents and adult family members, no more worry about your young ones being disruptive in church!)

Our first Children at Heart service will take place on Sunday, June 19 at 9:00. We both invite and challenge all parishioners to spread the word to anyone you know with little ones, and to offer to come with new families the first time or two. If you will be bringing your own children or grandchildren, invite their friends' families to join you. Should you be an adult who is a child at heart, you too are welcome to join our weekly celebration!

Thank you to Rosa Birnbaum, Kay and David Hatch, and Maryanne Theyerl for their dedication and efforts to bring Children at Heart to fruition.

Soup Kitchen Summer Schedule

By The Rev. Pamela Hillenbrand

The Emmanuel Soup Kitchen does not stop opening on Saturdays just because the weather warms up. The next Saturday Emmanuel will host the kitchen is Saturday, June 2. As always, please let Stan know that you are available to help. Volunteers gather at the Jubilee Center at 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers Needed

By Mary Nielsen

Emmanuel is actively seeking volunteers to serve and clean-up the coffee hour after the 10:30 Sunday Mass. If you could help with this important service please call Mary Nielsen at 815-654-8995. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

From the Rector

The Reverend Pamela M. Hillenbrand

Our Ministries Continue & Expand

Congratulations to Shelter Care Ministries for being the recipient of a Permanent Supportive Housing Award. This award of \$167,000 over three years will make it possible for Shelter Care to provide housing for four additional families as well as hire a part time case manager to work with them. The award is specifically for families who are homeless where one of the adults has a disability. In PHS (Permanent Supportive Housing) the family is the lease holder, and may remain in the housing unit for an unlimited period of time.

As a result of receiving this award, Shelter Care will now have 12 emergency units, four transitional units and four permanent units. That sounds (and is) wonderful, but our waiting list continues to be long with some families spending as much as nine months in emergency shelter because of the backup in transitional housing.

In addition to expanding our housing program, the Rockford Coalition to End Homelessness has presented a proposal to Shelter Care Ministries and Emmanuel's Vestry to use the Jubilee Center as a drop-in center for homeless veterans. The program would have its own director and volunteer staff, and would keep the facility open Monday through Friday evenings. Both Shelter Care and the Vestry are supportive of this proposal. It is hoped that all the details will be worked out in time for a mid-June opening.

Clean Out Those Emmanuel Closets!

CLEAN UP DAY IS COMING!! On Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 Emmanuel will have a great "clean-out and throw-away" weekend. Each organization at Emmanuel that has anything in storage - anywhere - is asked to participate in this weekend.

We will go through all of our stored items - decide what we will keep and what we will get rid of. There will be four areas designated in the undercroft for "keep but relocate" - "give away" - "silent auction" and "this is junk, toss it out!"

Please check with your group to determine when you will be gathering to review your "stuff"...

Altar Guild, Emmanuel Guild, Christian Formation, Property, Music Department, staff, Shelter Care and any other group that has anything stored anywhere.

Depending on what remains, and the storage space newly available, the Vestry will work with the various groups to designate new storage space.

Be sure to come on Sunday, June 19 if you are interested in looking at the things that have been set aside for auction or give-away. Everything will either be pitched or recycled as of Friday, July 8.

Jeremiah Garden Doubling in Size

Twelve more raised beds have been added to the site. As the crops mature, Jeremiah's Community Organizing Committee intends to hold cooking classes during the summer to build upon the CHIP Program of healthy eating. Would you like to garden - or learn to garden from a master gardener? Talk to Ginny Hatwich, Mary E. Johnson or Pam Hillenbrand. Enjoy gardening, make new friends, take home some of the great produce, and share some with our local food pantry and community programs. What a great way to spend part of your summer!

Planting Weekend: Friday, June 3 9am to 12 noon
Saturday, June 4 9am to 12 noon
No experience necessary!!!



Upcoming Events

Pipe Organ Encounter

By Trish Rooney

The Rockford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is hosting a Pipe Organ Encounter for Adults from June 6-11, 2011.

The kick-off event is an organ recital by Scott Montgomery (the First Prize Winner of the 2006 American Guild of Organists National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance) at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church (225 S. Third Street, Rockford, IL). Admission price is \$10.

The closing concert will be a Faculty Recital featuring John Walker, former organist at the Riverside Church in NYC; composer Michael McCabe from Omaha, NE; James Russell Brown from NIU; Anita Werling, and others, at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church (2821 Bell School Road, Rockford, IL) on Friday, June 10th. Admission price is \$10.

POE+ participants will spend mornings in workshops at First Lutheran Church studying various aspects of organ technique and will devote the afternoons to organ practice and lessons. Thirteen churches in the Rockford area (including Emmanuel Episcopal) have graciously agreed to allow the POE+ participants to use their facilities for the afternoon practice and lesson times. POE+ participants will also be touring Place de la Musique in Barrington Hills and the Coronado Theatre, and participating in a Taize Service led by the Our Saviors Lutheran Church Taize Choir at Anderson Japanese Gardens at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8th. More information about the POE+ is available from Trish Rooney at 815-985-0143.

Men's Group Meets

By Lou Matjasko

Men's Group presents an opportunity for study and discussion of topics of interest to the group. It's about increasing knowledge and promoting spiritual growth. It is not a work project group. There is no homework. Currently, we are studying the New Testament from a historical perspective through a DVD series by Dr Bart Ehrman. Join us at 8:00 a.m. every second Saturday in the Undercroft. Coffee and snacks will be on. Hope to see you on June 11. Questions? Contact Lou Matjasko, 815-624-7690.

Emmanuel Reads the Classics

By Mary S. Johnson

Little Bee by Chris Cleave is our book for June 2, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at Borders. At our May meeting and discussion of Team of Rivals (900 pages) we added a new criterion for the books we pick to read: they cannot be too heavy to read in bed or in the tub!

July's book is A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick. August's book is The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. For more information call Mary S. at 815-226-1112.

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July 19-21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Save the dates!

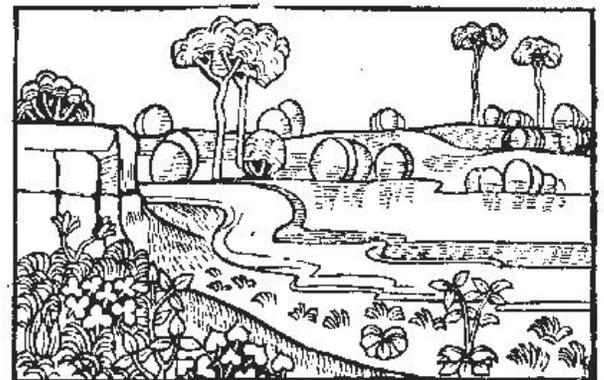


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Congratulations, Emmanuel Graduates!

By Amy Gustafson

Kiley Beck, daughter of Tom and Julie Beck, is a graduate of Boylan Catholic High School bound for the University of Iowa. Kiley has excelled as an athlete, playing varsity soccer for all



four years of her high school career. She received first team All-Conference Honors her sophomore and junior years, and All-Sectional Honors her junior year. (Senior year awards have not yet been announced.) She was also a member of Key Club, Natural

Helpers Program and the National Honors Society. Kiley will continue playing soccer at the collegiate level, and plans to major in Speech Pathology.

Taylor Licon, daughter of Simon and Jenifer Licon, graduates from Boylan Catholic High School as an accomplished student and social activist. Taylor was the president of Teen Impact, a member of the National Honors Society, Key Club, SARO Club, Green Club, and received First and Second Academic Honors and awards for Excellence in Spanish and Excellence in Clothing Impact and Image. She was a People to People Student Ambassador,



played varsity tennis, and works at the Perryville Pet Hospital. Taylor has been very active in the Emmanuel Youth Group, and has attended every summer mission trip since her age allowed. Taylor will attend Augustana College, where she plans to major in Biology and minor in Spanish.

Nicholas Theyerl, son of Richard and Maryanne Theyerl, is a graduate of Rockford Lutheran High School. He has been steadfast in his involvement in Emmanuel worship, either serving at the altar, singing in the choir or sitting with his family in the pew. He has also volunteered at the



Jeremiah House and Maya's House, and has been involved in many Youth Group activities and mission trips. During Nick's high school career, he was on the swim team for several years prior to going to Germany as a foreign exchange student for a junior

year abroad. He recently received senior academic awards for outstanding performance in both German and French. Nick has enjoyed participation with Forest City Swing and the Rockford German Club. He has worked at Brookside Veterinary Clinic, as well as the Concordia Language Villages in Minnesota where he will again be a summer counselor. Nick will attend Occidental College in Los Angeles, where he plans to major in Diplomacy and Foreign Relations with a minor in German.

We also offer belated congratulations to **Damon Mosier**, son of Beverlee (Venovic) Adams and Brian Mosier, who graduated early from Winnebago High School! Damon is currently a student at Rock Valley College, works at Hilander, and is engaged to Megan Lewis. Emmanuel wishes Damon well!

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 Dale Thomas, 969-7280

June 5th

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist/Server, Julie Beck,
Jordan Neal, Lector – Tammy Hooks
10:30 am – Server, Taylor Licon Crucifer, Briana
Martin MC, Logan Zak DeRango
Torches, Emily Licon, Jordan Martin Chalicist, Bill
Schnauffer, Cindy Joesten

June 12th Pentecost

8:00 am – Crucifer/Chalicist Tyler Hillman Mike
Lewis
10:30 am – Server, Claire Mesa Crucifer, Hannah
Mesa MC, Corrine Berardi
Torches, Carter Rockwell, Sam Theyerl Chalicist
Rich Theyerl, Dale Thomas
Sub-Deacon – Stacey Sauer Thurifer, Nick Theyerl

June 19th

8:00 am – Server, Chalicist/Server, Jordan Neal,
Tyler Hillman
10:30 am – Server, Elora Chapman-Neal Crucifer,
Amber Neal MC, Logan Chapman-Neal Torches,
Emily Licon, Jordan Martin Chalicists, Barrie

Lectors

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayers

June 5 th	Mary Nielsen Alan Gibby Judy Schnauffer
June 12 th	Theresa Sinks Cathy Ritts Nancy Sauer
June 19 th	Millie Zimmerman Mary Dammann Barbara Penn
June 26 th	Susan Chambers Ben Rubendall Marge Henning

Altar Guild

Scheduled by Mary Johnson, 963-0728

June 6-12	Nancy and Stacey Sauer
June 13-19	Nancy Smith, Mary Johnson
June 20-26	Joyce Apitz, Sandi Kelly
June 27-July 3	Susan Rubendall, Kathy Fillmore

Closers

Scheduled by Rosa Birnbaum
John Torrence & Cathy Ritts

Counters

Scheduled by Ron Wanninger, 968-4753
Cathy Ritts & John Birnbaum

Greeters

Scheduled by Mary Dammann, 885-8211 or
msdjgd@comcast.net
Cheryl Rogers & Jo Flesher

Ushers

Scheduled by Bob Crawford 969-7450

8:00 am Service: Judy Pike & Dan Nicholas
10:30 am Service: Robert Crawford & Bob Landis
5th Usher:
6/5: Robert Crawford
6/12: Bob Landis
6/19: Robert Crawford
6/26: Bob Landis

Celebrations

Birthdays

Hayley Thomas	6/2
Charles Eck	6/9
Jean Frana	6/9
Mary Nielsen	6/12
June Atkinson	6/15
John Venovic	6/26
Millie Zimmerman	6/26
John Frana	6/27

Wedding Anniversaries

Charles & Ruth Eck	6/12
Daniel & Ruth Nichols	6/17
Robert & Zylphia Collen	6/17
Richard & Maryanne Theyerl	6/19
Robert & Elizabeth Parker	6/23

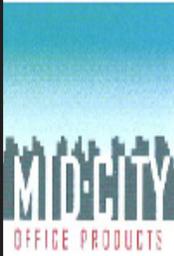
Market Place at The Spring Luncheon

By Mary Nielsen

On Thursday, May 5, many of us were surprised and thrilled by the splendid array of Spring flowers and gifts that enlivened and beautified the dining room of Tebala. Thanks to each of you (you know who you are) who spent precious time stitching, embroidering, crafting, mixing, cooking, stringing beads, planting, de-mossing Florida trees, selling, packaging and shopping.

God has blessed each of you with a special talent and Shelter Care Ministries has been blessed because you chose to share your talents and gifts. Your efforts reaped \$3,000.00.

The committee commends and thanks you.



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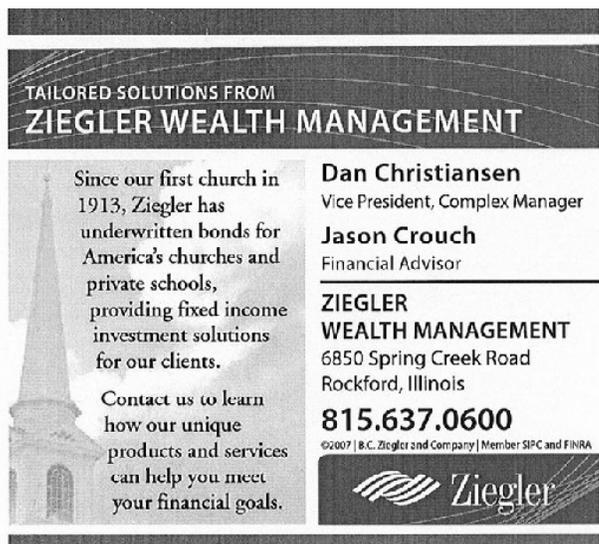
By The Rev. Lou Ness

Where would Shelter Care Ministries be without the faithful support of the people at Emmanuel Episcopal Church? I want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make the 2011 Spring Luncheon a success; we had a wonderful time and raised over \$22,000 and are still counting. We could not have done it without your help.

To the women of Emmanuel Guild, thank you for all the handmade items, homemade candies and the lovely flower baskets. There were many people who stepped up at the last minute to help out: the staff of Shelter Care and the fabulous board of directors. Together we made a difference for the people we serve.

The committee has already met to begin the planning for next year and we are looking for new members. If you would be willing to join in the fun and help to raise funds for our programs please come to the next meeting, July 12th 11:30 a.m. at Emmanuel.

This was my first luncheon and I had a wonderful time. Though there were some scary moments, it was wonderful and I am looking forward to next year. Blessings to everyone and once again I am touched by the faithful and generous support from Emmanuel Episcopal Church members -- you're amazing.



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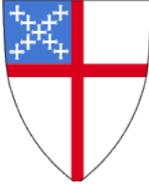
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June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 a HE, Chapel Pam at Conference	2 7p Emmanuel Reads Classics	3 9a Jeremiah Garden planting	4 9a Jeremiah Garden planting
5 8a Spoken HE 10:30 Choral HE	6 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	7 12n Pipe Organ Encounters	8 10a HE cancelled 12n Pipe Organ Encounters 6:30 Altar Gld Mtg	9 12n Pipe Organ Encounters 5:30 Jeremiah Board Mtg	10 12n Pipe Organ Encounters	11 8a Men's Group
12 PENTACOST 8a Spoken HE 10:30 Choral HE	13 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	14	15 10a HE, Chapel	16 6:30p Vestry Mtg	17 9a Clean Out Day	18 9a Clean Out Day
19 8a Spoken HE 9a Children's service 10:30 Choral HE	20 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22 10a HE, Chapel 4:30 Wardens' Mtg 5:30 SC Board Mtg	23 3p HE, Wesley Willows 4p Stewardship Commissiion	24	25
26 8a Spoken HE 9a Children's service 10:30 Choral HE	27 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	28	29 10a HE, Chapel	30		