

THE HERALD

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THE HUMAN BELLY BUTTON:

PROOF THAT LIFE IS A GIFT FROM GOD

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men (John 1:1-4)

Prof. John Pless (our 2011 Apologetics Speaker) writes: "God is both Giver and Gift. There is no life apart from this God and his undeserved giving."

He goes on to speak of a significant modern myth, that of autonomy, which is an unfulfilled illusion of attempting to be one's own god. But the belly button each human being possesses proves that our life was not self-created, but a gift within another's body that came quite clearly apart from our willing it. Our belly button is daily evidence that we are created beings, gifts of the Creator God, linked to another for our very creation into existence. However, at the other end of this spectrum is death, which cannot be

willed to never occur either. Between these two boundaries, life and death, we exist and move and have our being.

We are just leaving the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade (January 22nd) and it motivated this article on life as God's gracious gift in Christ. Luther wrote that if we would only believe in the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, we would have no such dilemma: "For if we believed it with our whole heart, we would also act accordingly, and not swagger about and boast and brag as if we had life, riches, power, honor, and such things of ourselves, as if we ourselves were to be feared and served."

Just as we cannot rightly step out of our "belly button" connectivity, we cannot rightly step out of our "God connectivity." The illusion which appears to satisfy so many today is to "disconnect" with the Creator by worshipping some form of the creation. (Romans 1:25)

To live in truth is to live connected to the Creator God through Word and Spirit to His Son, the Word made flesh to be crucified for our sin. Any life outside this sacred connection is a lie, not real, true life but spiritual death heading for eternal death.

To conclude then, "contemplation of one's naval (belly button)" is a wise and proper thing if done in the truth of the matter, each human's connectivity to a gracious God incarnate in His Son Jesus to redeem us from sin, Satan and eternal death.

To Him be all glory, now and forever! Amen.

Pastor Rod Zwonitzer Pastor Joel Baseley

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SECURE IN THE HANDS OF GOD

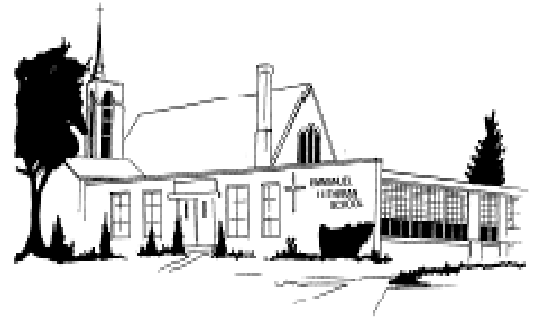
By: Principal Paul Baerwolf

We all understand fear. The student who has to take a major exam, the father or mother who just lost their job, the faithful autoworker, the determined nurse or doctor, all people regardless of age, in all vocations, in almost every situation, has experienced fear. There is nothing that seems to be secure, safe, or solid. Peel away our outer layers and tough words and you will see people who are scared to death.

But hear the words of Jesus: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand." John 10: 28-30. John in his gospel shares with us what all members of the body of Christ need to hear. As members of the body of Christ, we are secure of the salvation He won and promised. Although He was innocent, Christ allowed Himself to be

nailed to the cross. He did not curse those who crucified Him; instead He forgave them, as He has all of us, for our sins. He died so that you might live free from fear. No one, nothing, can take believers from the security of His nail-pierced hands.

February finds us supporting the Michigan District "Hearts for Jesus" campaign with our chapel offerings. We looked forward to the K-3 Musical "Aesop Fables Deluxe," on Friday, February 17. The parents will be hosting the Ash Wednesday Dinner on February 22. A Kindergarten informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1 beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you know of anyone who is interested in a quality, Christian education, please tell them about Emmanuel Lutheran School. There



also is an Open House for Kindergarten and Preschool on Monday, February 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m. We pray God's blessing on these events as we gear up for the 2012-2013 school year.

We thank God for you and your continued prayers and support of Emmanuel Lutheran School. As we share Valentine wishes with each other we are in awe of the love God has for us, through His Son Jesus. It is great feeling secure in His hands.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS



The preschoolers returned from Christmas vacation ready and eager to learn and, play in the snow! They had plenty of seasonal activities to keep them occupied as they waited

for the first snowstorm of the winter season. Our themes during January included Happy New Year!, Our Cold Winter Friends, Playing in a Winter Wonderland, An Up and Down Kind of Week and When I Grow Up.

In addition, the children will be busy learning the letters L-O and numbers 11-14. Our Bible stories focused on the early life of Jesus.

We are looking forward to hosting the preschool moms at the annual **Preschool Mom's Night**, to be held

Submitted by: Mrs. Kathy Prusak

on **Monday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m.** In the Fellowship Hall.

Preschool is hosting two **Open Houses** in the near future-- **Monday, January 30 (6:00-7:30pm)** and **Monday, February 27 (6:00-7:30pm)**. Please tell friends and family who may be interested in our preschool about our Open Houses. Additional preschool information can be sent out from the school office.

CRADLE ROLL

by: Deborah Boyer

We wish a **Happy 2nd Birthday** to Anna Austermann on February 2. May God bless Anna on her birthday and throughout the year.



"And He took the children in His arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."

Mark 10:16

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CARE

Submitted by: Penny walker

Christmas Giving Tree - Thank you to all of you who took time to purchase gifts, hats, gloves, scarves for the Detroit Rescue Mission this Christmas season.



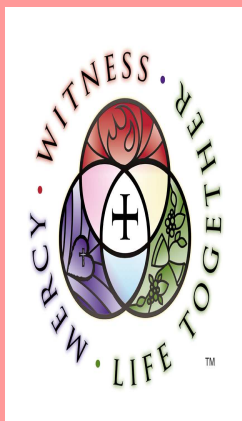
Detroit Rescue Mission - Thank you to all of the cookie bakers and volunteers that served dinner in December and January.

If you'd like to volunteer in the new year, a sign-up sheet is posted outside the church office. We meet at 3pm in the church parking lot.

2012 service dates: Jan 28, Feb 18, March 24, April 28, May 19, Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 17, & Dec 1

Lutheran World Relief Quilts - LWR brings quilts to many areas of the world. We are collecting items to help us get started. Please place items in the box outside the church office.

Items collected: thread, safety pins, straight pins, lightweight fabrics, batting/lightweight blankets, embroidery floss, medium sewing needles.



Sharing Faith - Please join us Sun., Feb. 19th from 3-4:30p.m. in the Media Center. Share your own experiences, both successes and failures, in witnessing to your own faith or just listen. Your attendance provides much appreciated support and encouragement to others!

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULING SHEET— February 2012

On Duty Sunday)

Laurie Fader

Ellen Heise

Sue Holbrook

Cindy Quinkert

Lisa Wildauer

(training)

On Duty (Saturdays)

Paula Sperka

Candle Care

Bonnie Zwonitzer

Parament Changes

Feb. 18– White

Feb. 22– Purple



Youth Group News and Notes

Submitted By: Tony DeMercurio, Director

SUPER SUB SALE:

Once again this year, the Youth Group will be assembling and selling a variety of sub sandwiches for you to purchase and enjoy with family and friends while watching "The Big Game" or to wrap and freeze for future consumption! Sandwiches will be ready for pick-up following worship services on the weekend of February 4th & 5th. *The youth will gather in the fellowship hall on Saturday, February 4th at*

11:00 a.m. to construct the sub sandwiches. As always, this will be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. Profits from this sale will be used for future Youth Group activities. Watch your bulletins for order forms and additional information. Please see Tony DeMercurio if you have any questions.

HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE:

Plans continue to be made for the upcoming Higher Things Conference in North Carolina. It will be here before we know it! Watch for bul-

letin announcements for any upcoming meetings. Please keep the youth and adult leaders in your prayers who will be attending this event as they finalize their plans and gather all the funds needed to make such a trip possible.

Also keep the Higher Things staff in your prayers as they work diligently to make this yet another theologically fun-filled event!

Have a safe and Happy February!



HIGHER THINGS MAGAZINE FOR TEENS!

Higher Things is a different sort of magazine. It's a magazine for youth, but it's not dumbed down theology. It's a magazine for today, and yet it is connected to the Church of All Ages. It's a magazine for Lutherans, but the teachings are for all who hold to the faith of Jesus Christ as contained in the Holy Scriptures.

A 1-year subscription to the Higher Things Magazine is \$18 annually.

If your teen is not currently receiving the magazine, you can go online and check it out at:

www.higherthings.org





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FEBRUARY 2012

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Changes may occur during the month to this calendar. Watch the bulletin for updates.</p> <p>You may also call the church office at (313)- 565-4002</p>			<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Chapel 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6-7:30 p.m. Kindergarten Information Night</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Bible Breakfast Bunch 11:00 Ladies Aid 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Senior Choir 8:30 Brass</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 & 7:00 Morning Prayer Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9-11 Confirmation</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Youth Group Super Sub Assembly</p> <p>6:00 Worship/Holy</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:15 Worship/ Holy Communion 9:40 Bible Study & Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p> <p><i>Youth Group Super Sub Sale</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 & 7:00 Morning Prayer Service</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Pre-School Mom's Night</p> <p>7:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Chapel 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 Bible Breakfast Bunch 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Senior Choir 8:30 Brass</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 & 7:00 Morning Prayer Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7-9 Brothers John Steadfast 9-11 Confirmation</p> <p>4:00 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Worship</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:15 Worship 9:40 Bible Study & Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Holy Communion</p> <p>Ladies Aid Bake Sale</p> <p>Music Series Concert 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 & 7:00 Morning Prayer Service</p> <p>3:00 Herald Deadline</p> <p>7:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 Braille Workers</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 Chapel 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 Bible Breakfast Bunch 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Senior Choir 8:30 Brass</p> <p>1/2 Day School</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 & 7:00 Morning Prayer Service</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Potluck 6:30 p.m. Elementary Musical</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9-11 Confirmation 3:00 Detroit Rescue Mission</p> <p>6:00 Worship/Holy Communion</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:15 Worship/ Holy Communion 9:40 Bible Study & Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p> <p>3-4:30 p.m. Sharing Faith</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 & 7:00 Morning Prayer Service</p> <p>7:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bd. Of Elders</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 Chapel 9:30 Board of Evangelism 10:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Worship/Holy Communion</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 Bible Breakfast Bunch</p> <p>10:00 Herald Assembly</p> <p>6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Senior Choir 8:30 Brass</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 & 7:00 Morning Prayer Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9-11 Confirmation</p> <p>4:00 Private Confession & Absolution 6:00 Worship</p>
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Kickoff Concert

Date: February 12, 2012

Time: 4:-5:30pm

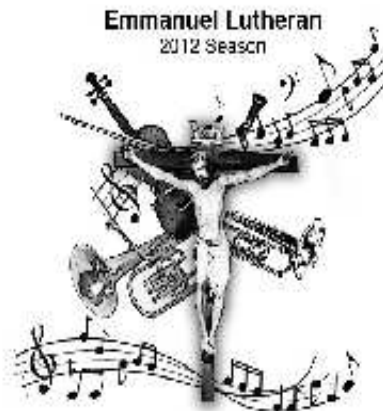
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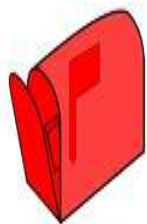
Terry Herald:

An active composer, performer, recording artist, and professor at Oakland University.

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NEW ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBER

The church office has received the following Church directory change requests. Please make a notation in your new directory for future reference.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

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Mary Seiwel
Ph.#: (313)-914-4266

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Viets
4199 Fenton Rd
Hamilton, Ohio 45013-9223

Ladies Aid

Submitted by Marie Chapman

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

The Ladies Aid continues to meet on the first Thursday of the month at Richter's Chalet from 11-1 PM. Men are invited to attend and join the "Mens Table"! We take time to send notes of encouragement each month to our shut-in members. Please consider joining us for a time of fellowship and discussion of future projects if you are available.

A very special thank you to Miss Mary Anne Boyer and her Art students for providing us with special Valentine's to include with our notes this month! Your beautiful works of art are very much appreciated!

BAKE SALE:

A bake sale will be held on February 12th to raise money for the two seminary students we currently support. If interested in making a treat, please bring wrapped and ready to sell that day. All donations greatly appreciated!
God Be with You til' we meet again!



**Bake Sale:
February 12**

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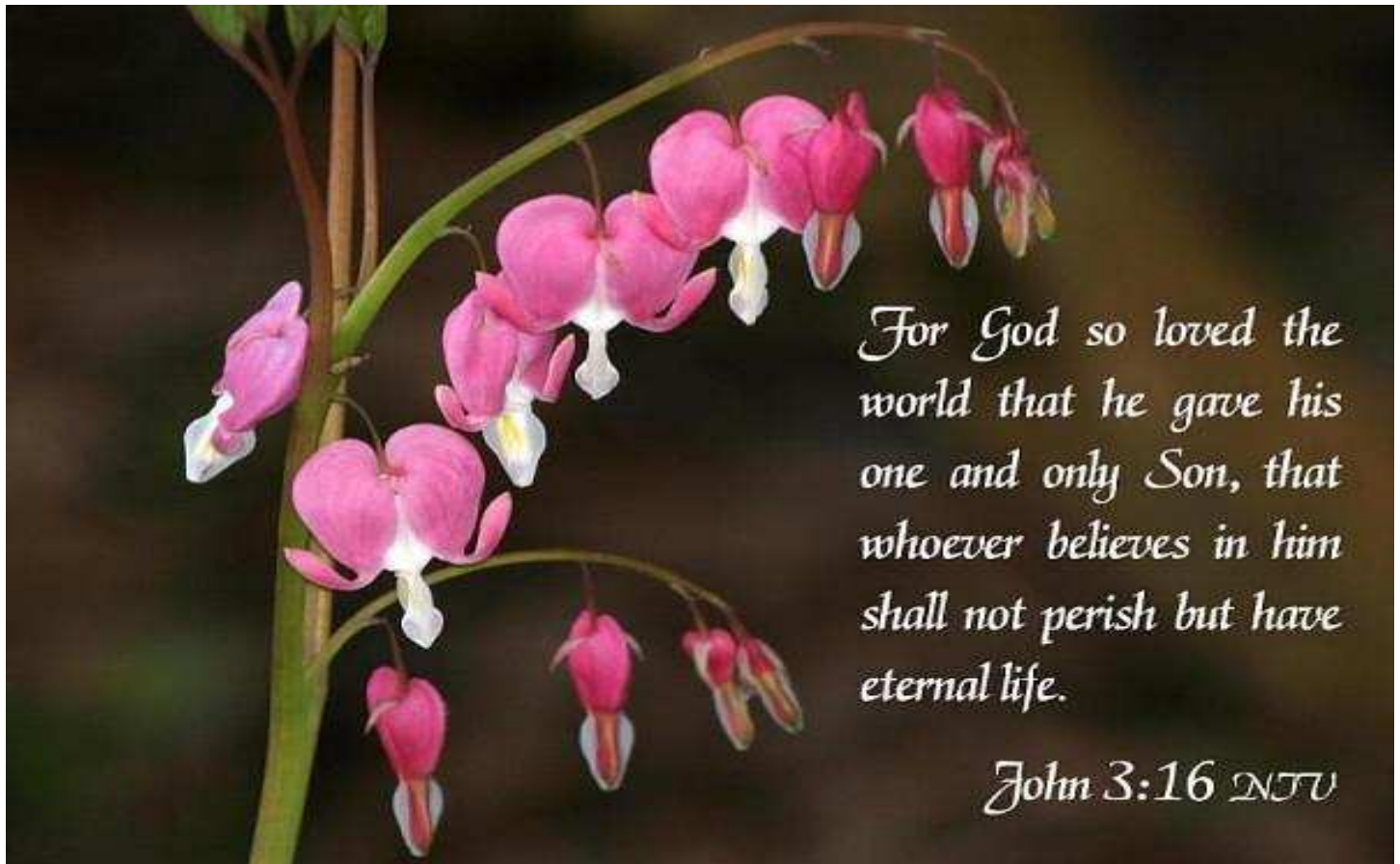
“They shall call His name Emmanuel...
God with us.” Matthew 1:23

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February 2012

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV