

cause he considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Verse of the Day: Hebrews 11:1

Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text: Luke 12:32-40

Today's Sermon Theme:

“Successful Living”

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."



THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped with soccer and basket ball camp! Your efforts helped make both camps a BIG success!

Attention JC All-Stars & Parents!

It's FOOTBALL SEASON and we need YOU!



Please sign up on the youth group bulletin board (outside the kitchen) to help sell MSU football programs. The first two games are always the busiest and this project is a big fundraiser for our youth group. Please contact Denise Kenger with any questions.

Announcements

- **Gifts & Memorials: General Fund—\$90.00** given by Maxine Johnson & **\$45.00** given by Hedy Steinbart, both in commemoration of Helen Johnson's 90th birthday. **Debt Principal Reduction—\$1,000.00** given in honor of Olga Sauve's 87th birthday by Bertha Patton and Ed Pekrul. **School Library—\$90.00** given by Helen Johnson in commemoration of her 90th birthday.
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars for July 2010: Emanuel Lutheran Church—\$84.00** total directed by Rosemarie Connell and Lance Wice. **Emanuel Lutheran School—\$42.00** total directed by Erich Seida & Mary Seida. (All Thrivent benefit members are eligible to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars. For more information please contact our office.)
- **Installation Service at Hope Lutheran Church—** Pastor David Putz has accepted a call to serve at Hope, our sister congregation in Portland, and will be installed on Sunday, August 29 at 4:00 p.m. A special dinner will follow at Eagle Township Hall (please RSVP for the dinner to Gary Martin 669-1626). All members of Emanuel are invited to attend.
- **Sunday School Planning Meeting:** Sunday, August 22 at 9:30 a.m. in room 9. Those interested in helping with Sunday School this year, please attend or contact Tammy Foster at tzfoster@gmail.com or 627-8086.
- Emanuel Lutheran School is seeking an after-school care provider from 3:00—6:15 p.m. Monday-Friday. \$8 per hour. If interested please contact Sarah Lindloff at 881-3212.
- **“A Day at Eight Point Lake”** Saturday, August 21 at noon. Please bring your meat to grill, a dish to pass, table service and drinks. Sign up sheet and maps are available on the church bulletin board. See you there!
- **Campus Ministry Vacation Bible School** at Spartan Village Park. August 23-27 from 10:00 AM—noon.
- Food Bank: 56 items; 4,325 total this year. Thank you!

AUGUST 15, 2010

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Attendance: 8/8/10

Sunday 8:00 AM	65
Sunday 10:30 AM	152
Monday (8/9/10)	21
Total	238
Sunday Holy Communion	18

Offerings: 8/8/10

Unavailable—will be published next week

Sunday Envelopes	\$0.00
Almoners Fund.....	\$0.00
Sinking Fund.....	\$0.00
150th Anniversary Fund	\$0.00
Dr. K. Joseph Hines II Scholarship Fund	\$0.00
Operating Budget pledge funds given to date...	\$81,950.00
<i>Budgeted offerings needed per week.....</i>	<i>\$11,557.69</i>

We remember in our prayers:

Lucille Beaderstadt (Burcham Hills)

Frieda Felzke

Beatrice Fossum

Edna Morlok (Ingham)

James Wolter

Requests for prayers may be made to the
Church Office: 485-4118

This week at Emanuel Lutheran:

Today	8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services (10:30 Communion)
Monday	7:00 PM Worship Service
Tuesday	6:00 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Council
Wednesday	3:00—8:00 PM ELS Registration Night
Saturday	Friendship Group Day at the Lake 6:30 PM Worship Service at Campus Ministry, East Lansing
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services (8:00 Communion)

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TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE:

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PSALM OF THE DAY:

**PSALM 33
CW P. 79**

TODAY'S HYMNS:

349
472
442
219

COMMUNION
HYMN:
311 & 315
SILENT PRAYER

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward. "But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33 (CW p. 79)

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father be-