

not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son. "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

**Verse of the Day: Hebrews 4:12**

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

**Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text: Luke 12:49-53**

**Today's Sermon Theme:**

*"Am I Afraid of Commitment?"*

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**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.



**A Special Thank-you!**

Thank you to our "Holy Handymen" for all of your hard work this summer. From cleaning to installing carpet, painting, and disbursing wood-chips and more—**what a blessing you are to our congregation!**



**Announcements**

- **Gifts & Memorials: General Fund—\$100.00** given in loving memory of Leighton Leighty by Michigan Council No. 25 AFSCME and **\$50.00** given in commemoration of Steve Black's 50th birthday by Sandy Black. **Debt Retirement—\$600.00** given in loving memory of Ed Maron by Eileen Maron. **150th Anniversary Fund—\$60.00** given in commemoration of their 60th wedding anniversary by M/M Boyd & Julie Miller.
- **If you did not receive a church mailing** last week please contact the church office—we may not have your correct address on file. Thank you!
- **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.
- The **final ELS registration day** is Wednesday, August 25 from 3:00—8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday School Planning Meeting:** Today 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](mailto:tzfoster@gmail.com) or 627-8086.
- **Campus Ministry Vacation Bible School** at Spartan Village Park. August 23-27 from 10:00 AM—noon.
- **Offering's for August 8, 2010:** White & Blue envelopes: \$9,653.65; Sinking Fund: \$65.50; 150th Anniversary Fund: \$30.00; Dr. K. Joseph Hines II Scholarship Fund: \$25.00.
- **Food Bank:** 56 items; 4,325 total this year. Thank you!

# AUGUST 22, 2010

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Worship Attendance: 8/15/10

Sunday 8:00 AM .....	83
Sunday 10:30 AM .....	162
Monday (8/16/10).....	15
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>260</b>
Sunday Holy Communion .....	68

## Offerings: 8/15/10

Sunday Envelopes .....	\$11,521.32
Almoners Fund.....	\$500.00
Sinking Fund.....	\$106.25
150th Anniversary Fund .....	\$10.00
Dr. K. Joseph Hines II Scholarship Fund .....	\$25.00
Operating Budget pledge funds given to date...	\$82,075.00
<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*

*Lou Leitz, Sr.*

*James Wolter*

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

## This week at Emanuel Lutheran:

<b>Today</b>	8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services (8:00 Communion)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM Evangelism 7:00 PM Stewardship
<b>Wednesday</b>	3:00—8:00 PM ELS Registration Night
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30 PM Worship Service at Campus Ministry, East Lansing
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship Services (No Communion)

*"THE EMANUEL HOUR OF WORSHIP"*

*SUNDAYS AT 8:00 AM, 1240 ON THE DIAL, WJIM*

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## TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE:

"SERVICE OF THE WORD"  
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COMMUNION LITURGY P.33

## PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 139A  
CW P. 116

## TODAY'S HYMNS:

32  
413  
457  
192

COMMUNION  
HYMN:  
315  
SILENT PRAYER

## First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

"Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD. "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

## Psalm 139a (CW p. 116)

## Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-13

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do