

The Emmanuel Light

FROM Father Rich...

We have now had three offerings of our *Saturday Night At Emmanuel*. We had originally intended to call it Saturday Night Alive but discovered that the name had already been copyrighted. This may have been a fortunate happenstance.



2011

The service has a very relaxed atmosphere and continues to be a work in progress. Since our two Sunday services, 8 am Rite I and 10:15 am Rite II, our intention for the Saturday service is that it be a very casual, one might say “low church” service. Instead of the organ we have two guitars, Sam Adams and Tanner Peterson, a bass with Torin Peterson, an African drum played by Jason Ballard and cello played by Abe Blumenthal. The music is a mixture of traditional songs from the hymnal and more contemporary music.

While the structure of the service follows the same pattern as the Book of Common Prayer, some of the wording is different. It comes from a source called *Enriching Our Worship* that has been authorized by General Convention. We use the contemporary Lord’s Prayer and alternative Prayers of the People.

To further the “relaxed” atmosphere of the service the altar party does not vest. While I still wear the priest’s stole the service is conducted in street clothes.

The service is a decidedly and purposely more casual atmosphere. Some people do not care for this type of service, and that’s fine. What we have *not* done is change the 8 and 10:15 am services. They are still intact and going strong. After three weeks our average Sunday attendance, which includes the Saturday service, has gone from 135 to 150. If I were to try to put some meaning to it (and after only 3 weeks would be a very tenuous thing to do) I would say this: We have a very few people (4-5) who have attended both services each week and we have a few (again maybe 4-5) who are new to Emmanuel. The rest are Emmanuel members who might not have been willing or able to attend on Sunday and are taking advantage of an additional opportunity to worship. It’s what they might call a win-win situation.

That is what is happening in worship on Saturday. I mentioned in the first paragraph that having to change the name may have been a fortunate happenstance. This is because *Saturday Night At Emmanuel* is going to mean more than just the worship service on Saturday night. An example of this is last Saturday’s bowling and potato feed party. About sixteen of us gathered at Robbinsdale Lanes for fun and fellowship. After bowling we came to church where we were joined by more folks for a stuffed potato feed. Several folks then stayed for worship. Thoughts being shared are, how can we make *Saturday Night At Emmanuel* include activities before and/or after worship. These might include a meal, a movie, a musician’s jam session or any number of other things. Our hope is to expand *Saturday Night At Emmanuel* beyond just the worship service. Our goal is not to take *anything* away from Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. Our goal is to provide additional opportunities for worship and fellowship.

There have been some minor consequences to the addition of our *Saturday Night At Emmanuel*. Its accompanying preparation time has shifted my work schedule. After discussion with the executive committee and vestry, your Rector’s normal work week has shifted from Sunday through Thursday to Saturday through Wednesday. While I may not always be in the office on Thursday or Friday you can still reach me on my cell phone, 381-6351.

I will also continue my work at Westhills on Thursdays. They are just too much fun to let go. One additional benefit to working Saturdays is that, if I stop by parishioner’s homes to drop something off or say hi, there is a much greater chance that someone will be there. Also, people who work during the week can make an appointment to see me on Saturday morning or afternoon.

I hope you will take the opportunity to participate in *Saturday Night At Emmanuel* in the next few months. Who knows, you might like it. —Fr. Rich

THE ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

and BAKE SALE

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
from 11:00 am to 1:00pm

We need your help with donations of salads or baked goods. The Parish Hall will be open to receive food items beginning at 7:00am on Wednesday, April 27. Cost is \$5 per person. See you there!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICE
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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN A sound that puts a smile on my face can be heard every Sunday from about 9:00AM to 9:30AM. It is the sound of friendly conversation and laughter coming from the Parlor. If you are an Eight-O'clocker, you know exactly what I'm talking about!

After the eight AM service, coffee and a snacks are served in the Parlor. Different folks will sign-up to provide the treats each week. (If you are on a diet, it is a bad way to start a new week; the food is usually a tasty, homemade, sweet that I find hard to enjoy only one of.)

Barbara Shining started the Sunday morning social a few years ago. Her idea was to have a social time while enjoying our beautiful courtyard. As the summer weather gave way to a cool fall she was shutting down the coffee hour for the year. Canon Seger, who was serving as our interim Rector during this time, asked her to continue the event as it was so well received.

The parlor has since been remodeled and holds the "standing-room-only" crowd every Sunday morning all year long and the door to the courtyard is wide open in the warm weather.

I invite you to enjoy the early Sunday service at Emmanuel sometime. The good friendships and fellowship that develop at "Barbara's Coffee Hour" really turn our church into a community. —Mark Rude, Senior Warden



FROM THE PARISH NURSE

"Live simply that others may simply live" (Elizabeth Seaton)

As we approach the final days of our Lenten journeys, perhaps our thinking of "giving up something" may still be ok.

Many of us have accumulated much more than we need. It bursts from our closets, overflows our shelves and clutters our lives. Lent has provided an opportunity for us to deliberately release ourselves from the many "things" we own by cleaning out our closets and simplifying our lives in a prayerful and intentional way.

On one level, this is ridding ourselves of things we don't need, or things that we hated to part with except that they are so "out of style." Certainly, many of us have many things that are "extra" or "unnneeded" for us, but could be wonderful for those who can't afford to purchase these items as we were able to.

Another level of this journey into personal freedom is to ask ourselves how much do I really need? How many jackets, sport shirts, dresses, shoes, and jewelry do we need? The list goes on and on. How much of so many things in our lives do we *really* need?

We can get serious and go as deeply into this as we desire to find meaning in our lives. This is not "should I get rid of what I don't need?" This is different, more faith-filled and takes us into giving up "good" stuff—perhaps stuff we are attached to—because we want to experience the exercise of freedom. We do this because we sense that we are not free when we are attached to "things." Often being free from worldly attachments frees us to find our treasure in God. This freedom, too, will place us in greater solidarity with those who have so much less than we imagine we could survive on, yet they find great happiness and joy in trusting in God.

What else might we do to become more free to love or *"to live simply so others can simply live!"*
Easter Blessings! Vicki Sweet, RN Parish Nurse

Information source for this article is from Creighton Collaborative Ministries.



CRAZY HORSE VOLKSMARCH The Health & Wellness Committee and the Vestry Social Committee are planning some walking/hiking activities during the months of May to September. One of the activities will be participating in the Crazy Horse Volksmarch, Sat., June 4. This activity will be followed by a picnic in Rapid City at one of the city parks. Several other hikes are being planned that will take place in and around Rapid City. Please watch for further announcements in the Sunday bulletins or upcoming editions of the Newsletter.

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ADULT FORUM ON THE CASA PROGRAM— MAY 1



Please join us on May 1st, at 9:05am, to learn about the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program. Four of our parishioners who are/were CASA volunteers will give a presentation and tell about their experiences. This forum is sponsored by your Outreach Committee, who will provide treats (maybe Cora's homemade carmel rolls) after the 8 o'clock and 10:15 services.

Every year, more than three million children in this country are reported abused or neglected. Many of these kids become trapped in the court and child welfare maze and can spend their childhood moving from one temporary place to another. Please come and learn what you could do.

"It's about helping a child replace a life of hurt with one of hope." Genora Brimfield, CASA volunteer

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell us the same story. When children were being brought to Jesus for a blessing, the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus' response was: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mark and Luke add: "anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And then Jesus placed his hands on them, or took them in his arms, and blessed them. What a privilege it is to spend time with God's children.

Sunday School for youth age 4 through the 5th grade is currently meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00. We begin with a large group gathering time before we split into two classes. During the Lenten season gathering time our theme is "Jesus is the Light." Through lighting of candles, imagining and singing we are discovering that Jesus is always with us and that we are called to be part of the "light." We are also learning that Jesus expects us to take that light back out into the world.

On Easter Sunday, (April 24th) we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt during the breakfast held between the 8:00 and 10:15 services. We hope all pre-school and elementary age children will participate in this event.

Our last day of Sunday School will be May 8th, Mother's Day. The church will be having a Mother's Day Breakfast between the 8:00 and 10:15 services. The young people from the Sunday School will be sharing some songs during the breakfast. We hope that you will plan on joining us to support their learning and sharing. In His Light, Gayle

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study has wrapped up its look at the book of Revelation. They are going to take a break until after Easter. They will reconvene in May to start a study of the Gospel of Mark. The exact date and any source material we will be using will be in next month's newsletter.

We are approaching the most sacred time of the Christian year, Holy Week. It is a time when we reenter the sacred mystery of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



There have been some adjustments to this year's schedule:

April 17: Palm Sunday: The two services will start as usual at 8 and 10:15 am. We will start in the Parish Hall with the blessing of the palms.

April 18: Communion at 12:15 pm.

April 19: Communion at 12:15 pm.

April 20: Communion at 10:00 am.

April 21: Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7 pm. This will include the ceremony of the Foot Washing which is an ancient symbol of our submission to one another and to Christ. We will not be conducting an all night vigil this year. Instead, after moving the reserved sacrament to the Parlor, the church will be open till 10 pm. It will then be open again at 8 am on Friday for anyone who wishes to come to the church to pray.

April 22: Good Friday. Stations of the Cross will be offered at 12:15 pm in the church. Good Friday liturgy will be at 5:30 pm. This is a change from last year and is meant to allow more people to attend this important service.

April 23: The Great Easter Vigil. The Vigil this year will be Saturday night at 8 pm. This is to accommodate the earlier rising and later setting of the sun.

April 24: Easter Morning: We will have our usual two services at 8 and 10:15 am with a breakfast from 9 to 10 am for everyone.

We hope everyone will take advantage of these worship opportunities. —Fr. Rich

Surely we are not blind!

Sunday's gospel (John 9: 1-41) is high drama, not only because of the miracle, but also the heated exchanges and clever dialogue. The *dramatis personae* includes Jesus, the disciples, the blind man, his parents and neighbors, and a divided group of Pharisees all interacting with great vigor.

We miss an essential point about our relationship with God and what he expects of us in our journey with Him if we dwell on the details of the story tempting as that may be. The point of this story is having power by being powerless and the value of doing nothing except wait for the power of God. It is the story of the Cross—bringing forgiveness and salvation to sinners and showing the love of God to those who by any other standard are unlovable. Many people refuse to accept this but rather with the Pharisees persist in denying that there is anything good that can come out of Nazareth. They will deny the good that they see done around them is being done by a servant of God. And they, despite their love for God, will attempt to stop the one doing good from doing it.

There are many contemporary self-righteous ones, both in the church and outside of it. They don't want the boat to be rocked—they don't want to have to change their comfortable accommodation with the status quo, they don't want to change the way they see the world.

And like some of the Pharisees they will continue to seek to blame the condition of the poor upon the poor; and of the sick upon the sick; and the oppression of the oppressed upon the oppressed. It is safer that way, isn't it? It means that they—or it is we—don't have to do anything—we don't have to change.

We can give tax breaks to the rich while we close down hospital wards. We can ignore the hunger in the third world while we spend massive amounts on our own pleasures.

Or we can call those who seek to help the street people and defend the abused women and children in our society unrealistic idealists, do-gooders, who don't fully understand that those folk are responsible for their own condition—and cheer as the welfare rolls are reduced and funding for shelters and for counseling programs cut.

There is none so blind as those who will not see.



Canon Seger

Are you wondering...What is a Volksmarch?

A volksmarch is a non-competitive 3.1 mile (5k) or 6.2 mile (10 k) walk. It's not a pledge walk, it's not a race, it is a fun activity you do with a club, with your family, with your pet, or all by yourself. Volksmarching got its name from its origins in Europe. Today there are thousands of volkssport clubs around the world, allied in the International Volkssport Federation, the IVV.

What do local volkssport clubs do? There are 305 volkssport clubs throughout the USA, and many thousands around the world. Local clubs host the walking events. The club members select a trail for safety, scenic interest, historic areas, natural beauty and walkability. They then invite everyone to come and enjoy it on a weekend or a weekday evening. **What kind of trails?** The trails are marked or maps provided. Trails may be in cities, towns, parks, forests, rural areas, anywhere there is a pleasant or interesting place to walk. **Do I have to join a club?** Clubs welcome new members, but you don't have to join a club to enjoy the volksmarch events. All events are open to the public. Click the link called Find Walking Clubs, then click on the state you are interested in.

What does this cost? Many walks are open for no charge, or register for the event award (usually a medal or patch) to show that you are a "winner." Medals are usually less than \$7. To keep track of how you are achieving your fitness goals, you may join a special award program. **How long do you walk?** Most people take 2 hours to stroll our 10K trails. Many events now have a shorter distance trail that is perfect for (continued on pg 7)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR April

Vestry Lock-Up
Kibbe & Nancy

	4/3/10	4/10/10
Year A	The Fourth Sunday of Lent	The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Altar Guild	Cora Koss & Jani Lerback	Jani Lerback & Barbara Shining
LEM - 8am	Donna Burnap	Sande Riemenschneider
LEM - 10:15am	Vicki Sweet Don Burnap	Mary Helen Flanery Nyle Hedin
Scripture Readings	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45
Lector	Don Burnap	Michael Luciano
Acolytes	Ryan Anderson Wyatt Anderson Shayne Anderson	Ethan Janak Gavin Fenske Noah Fenske
Ushers - 8:00am	Shelby & Mark Vickers	Doris Lind Lynn VonWald
Ushers - 10:15am	Sherry & Bob Ermish	Lori & Joe Lucinao
Greeters	Gayle Ressler & Diane Kreimann	Reva Kurtz & Myrna Laumbach
	4/17/10	4/24/10
Year A	The Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday	The Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday
Altar Guild	Vicki Sweet & Jean Kelley	Jean Kelley, Lisa Kautz & Sara Kautz
LEM - 8am	Donna Burnap	Sande Riemenschneider
LEM - 10:15am	Laura Orville Dave Janak	Karyl Shanahan Vicki Sweet
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18
Lector	Justin Pederson	Patsy Nicholson
Acolytes	Dwight Edstrom Justin Pederson Tim Pederson	Chase Woods Mary Helen Flanery Brandon Williams
Ushers - 8:00am	Vickie & Bob Pollock	Barbara & Streeter Shining
Ushers - 10:15am	Lee & Brian Hammerbeck	Nancy & Kent Bryant
Greeters	Lori & Joe Luciano	Patsy & Peter Nicholson and Mindy

April 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p>Events are updated regularly on the Master Calendar on Emmanuel's website: www.emmanuelrc.org Log on there for the most current information.</p>					9:30a Women's Book Group 5:00p O.A.	8:a TOPS Workshop-Parish Hall 9:00a Vestry Retreat 9:30a O.A. 9:30A Girl Scouts 5:30p Saturday Night at Emmanuel
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00a HE I 9:00a SS, Adult Forum & Adult Confm 9:30a Choir 10:15a HE II	7:00p Centering Prayer	5:30p O.A. 6:30p Restorative Justice	10:00aHE/Healing 1:30p ECW 5:15p Evening Prayer 5:30p Soup Supper 6:30p Choir	10:00a T.O.P.S. 7:00p Book Group	9:30a Women's Book Group 5:00p O.A.	9:30a O.A. 10:30a Emmanuel Clergy 5:30p Saturday Night at Emmanuel
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00a HE I 9:00a SS, Adult Forum & Adult Confm 9:30a Choir 10:15a HE II Blood Screens	1:30p Exec Com 7:00p Centering Prayer	5:30p O.A. 7:00p Welcomer's Com 7:00p Knitting Group	10:00aHE/Healing 4:45p Outreach 5:15p Evening Prayer 5:30p Soup Supper 6:30p Choir	10:00a T.O.P.S. 7:00p Book Group	9:30a Women's Book Group 5:00p O.A.	9:30a O.A. 9:30A Girl Scouts 5:30p Saturday Night at Emmanuel
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
PALM SUNDAY 8:00a HE I & Liturgy of the Palms 9:00a SS, Adult Forum & Adult Confm 9:30a Choir 10:15a HE II & Liturgy of the Palms	12:15p Eucharist 6:00p Vestry	9:30a Prayer Intercessors 12:15p Eucharist 5:30p O.A. 7:00p Altar Guild	10:00aHE/Healing 11:30a BH Symph League 6:30p Choir	10:00a T.O.P.S. 7:00p HE & Foot Washing 9:00p Vigil at the Altar of Repose	12:15p Stations of the Cross 5:00p O.A. 5:30p HE & Good Friday Liturgy Newsletter Deadline	9:30a O.A. 8:00p Easter Vigil
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
EASTER SUNDAY 8:00a HE I 9:00a Parish Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt 9:30a Choir 10:15a HE II Cornerstone Mission Meal		5:30p O.A. 7:00p Knitting Group	10:00aHE/Healing 11:00a Bible Study 6:30p Choir ECW Salad Luncheon	10:00a T.O.P.S. 7:00p Book Group	9:30a Women's Book Group 5:00p O.A.	8:00a O.A. Conf 5:30p Saturday Night at Emmanuel
				<p>Emmanuel Light Newsletter Deadline: April 22</p>		



**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

Lori Luciano	2
Donna Savage	2
Torin Peterson	2
Greta Chapman	4
Nancy Oliver	4
Kara Moyle	4
Vickie & Bob Pollock	8
Nickolas Sparks	9
Mary Jo Arnold	10
Amie Williams	10
Harry Chapman	11
Laurin Pryor	11
Brandon Williams	12
Michelle Feiszli	13
Rory Fenske	15
Kay & Marv Paschke	19
Russell Conti	20
Sean Vickers	20
JoAnn & Dwight Edstrom	20
Esther Parks	22
Amanda Maldeis	24
Gayle Ressler	25
Audrey & Bob Bsharah	25
JJ Shultz	28
David Seger	28
Russell Conti, Jr.	29
Rachel Long	30

PAMPHLET RACK: You may have noticed the new pamphlet holders in the hallway outside the office and how nice they look. However, we now have the old tract rack that we are not using. If you or someone you know would like to have it please feel free to pick it up. It is in the hall outside the office door. If no one claims it soon it will be disposed of.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

APRIL 17 PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of the Palms

10:15 am Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of the Palms

APRIL 18 & 19 MON & TUES IN HOLY WEEK

12:15 pm Eucharist

APRIL 20 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

10:00 am HE & Healing Service

APRIL 21 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing

9:00 pm Vigil at the Altar of Repose

APRIL 22 GOOD FRIDAY

12:15 pm Stations of the Cross

5:30pm Good Friday Liturgy

APRIL 23 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm The Great Easter Vigil

APRIL 24 EASTER SUNDAY

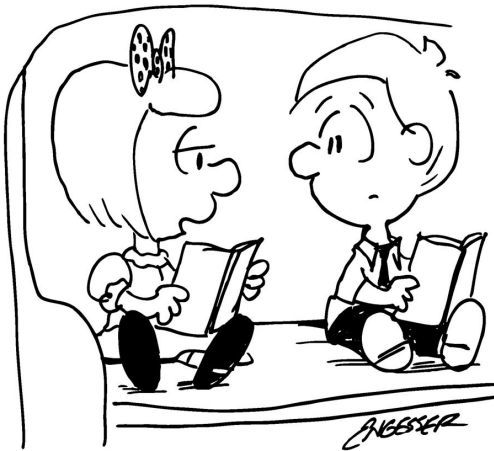
8:00 am Holy Eucharist I

9:00 am—10:00am Parish Breakfast

& Easter Egg Hunt

10:15 am Holy Eucharist II

Hallelujah



"No, Peter Cottontail was not an apostle!"

(cont from pg 4) beginners and should take only an hour to complete at an easy pace. Some like to run or jog, others enjoy taking a leisurely pace and stopping to sightsee, picnic, or even shop! You go at YOUR own pace, and you are always a winner at the end. **Where do I find out more?** To find a volkssport club or an event near you (or at your destination if you are planning a vacation), call or email the club. From: <http://www.ava.org>
Local club info: [Black Hills Volkssport Assn](http://www.ava.org)
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Services at Emmanuel
Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service

