



# News from the Cross



## Pastor's Pen...

### Lilacs and Lilies of the Valley

As spring gives way to summer there are some things that ever remain important to me and which I recall with vivid detail. Flowers and the book of the Bible called 2 Peter.



There are special flowers, the lilac and the lily of the valley, which hold my attention every spring. The lilac has always been a part of my life and memory. This is

due, in part, because at the childhood home that I enjoyed, during middle to late May, our front yard was surrounded on two of its three sides by an impenetrable hedge of beautiful purple lilacs. I looked forward to cutting the flowering twigs and making humongous bouquets which when brought into our home would fill the house with this most wonderful aroma. Additionally, I looked forward to the times that I could take bouquets to the various old grandmas who lived in our neighborhood. The third reason was that each memorial day, or when the lilacs were in full bloom, I would go with my parents to the cemeteries of our family loved ones. We would take a bucket of water, a garden trowel and a old butcher knife, a rag or two, and a 46oz juice can that would be brimming with water and freshly cut lilacs. After cleaning away the grass and sod overgrowth, my dad would

dig a hole in the ground to receive the juice can vase and place the freshly cut bouquets. My parents often talked about the "old folks" now in the graves before us attaching some story about one or another of them to keep us entertained and at the same time imprinting our fore bearers on our memories.



The other special flower is called the lily of the valley. These, too, grew in great patches around our home and in the neighbors' yards.

As soon as they began to show their delicate white bells we kids would pick bouquets and bring them to the various ladies or older couples in our neighborhood.

They used to be in high demand for June weddings and we could even make a few cents picking them and taking them to the local flower shop. They grow in such abundance in the right conditions and their aroma is powerfully unique so as to be one of those things I say "I'll never forget." For additional color we would add "swamp marigolds" to our regular soup can vases and make the rounds. If the weather was right our bouquets would include all four colors, white, lilac, yellow, and the purple of violets.

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### REMEMBER ...

- Our services are broadcast on Hudson cable Channel 15 on Wednesday night at 9:00PM and again on Thursday morning at 9:00AM.
- Check out our church web site at: <[www.emmanuelhudson.org](http://www.emmanuelhudson.org)>
- Watch "Time of Grace" on TV Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on FOX 9.
- "Message from the Master" airs on 1220 AM radio Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

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Join the parade! The Outreach Committee is organizing Emmanuel's participation in the 2011 North Hudson Pepper Fest Parade. We will be distributing specially labeled water bottles to the folks

at the parade that promote our church and preschool. Come to the WELS, the home of the "Living Waters", is our theme. We need wagons, coolers, and bottled water brought to the church. This is a blue shirt special activity. If you need a blue Emmanuel t-shirt for the parade, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, or talk to Tom and Sharon Parker or Harvey Cords for more details.

# Sunday School

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 10:20 a.m. with devotion and music in the church sanctuary. Afterward, the children will go with their assigned teacher to their classroom. The children will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

This year's teachers are Eileen Spreeman (PreK/K), Linda Carlson (grades 3-4), and Ann Winkler (grades 5-8). The 1st and 2nd grade teacher has yet to be determined.

Please keep the children and teachers in your prayers as they study God's Word.

## *Ladies Guild News*

- Ann Winkler

**Ladies Night Out...** Eight ladies from Emmanuel Lutheran Church enjoyed fellowship and fun at The Bungalow Inn on Tuesday, July 19.

Come and join us for our next meeting on Saturday, September 10 at 9:30 am at the church. Future meetings will be the second Saturday of every month.

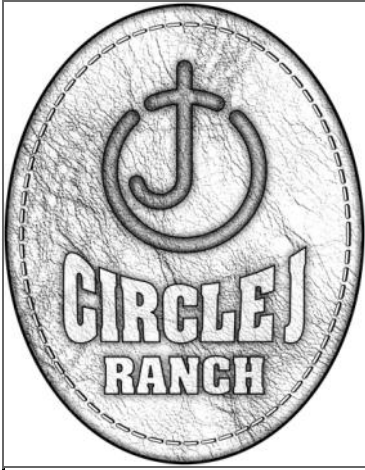
Did you know that all confirmed ladies of the congregation are members of Ladies Guild? You don't have to do anything to join, and there are no membership fees or dues. If you can't make it to every monthly meeting, that is okay, just come when you can!

The objectives of the Ladies Guild organization is:

- 1) to show God's love through our service to the congregation,
- 2) to help the congregation spread the Word of God,
- 3) to give opportunity to study God's Word together,
- 4) to promote Christian fellowship among us.

Ladies, think about coming to a Ladies Guild meeting and mark your September calendar!





Saddle up for Vacation Bible School!! Calling all 4 year olds through those entering 4th grade. It's time to register for Vacation Bible School. Sign up sheet is on the activity board or register online at [emmanuel-hudson.org](http://emmanuel-hudson.org). It will be held Tuesday, August

9 - Thursday, August 11 from 9:00 am - noon. The children will enjoy lots of western-related crafts, snacks, games, and Bible story lessons that will connect them with God's Word.

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven...



## Joyful Noise Notes

- Ann Winkler

Joyful Noise Preschool will soon be starting its twelfth year of operation.

A parent orientation meeting has been scheduled for Thursday evening, September 1 at 6:00 pm for 3-year-olds and 7:00 pm for 4-5 year olds.

The first day of preschool will be Tuesday, September 6 for the 3 year olds and Wednesday, September 7 for the 4-5 year olds.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of new adventures, friendships and knowledge. Please keep us in your prayers.

## Pastor's Pen Continued...

I like to show my grandkids these things and hope that while I do they, too, will have some wonderful memories accumulated. Memories that can't be erased by electronic games, or replaced by some TV cartoon characters.

Then there is 2 Peter. Here's what it says: 2 Peter 1:12: *"so I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things. 16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."*

Reminiscing is not only for old people...it's for all of us, lest we forget the prices that have been paid for our salvation and our freedom. Remember what Jesus did for you, and stop to smell the flowers!

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**Why we're here ...**

***Emmanuel Lutheran exists to prepare people for eternal life. The Bible presents two possible destinations when we die: one is hell; the other is heaven. While people follow all sorts of ideas and philosophies to gain heaven (self-denial, being a good person, etc.), the Bible gives us the only pathway to heaven: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Emmanuel Lutheran proclaims the truths of Holy Scripture, pointing always to Jesus Christ as our only Savior from sin -- our only path to heaven.***

*"Believe in the Lord Jesus and  
you will be saved ..."*

*... home of Joyful Noise Preschool!*



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