



News from the Cross



2009

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>
- 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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Resuming our walk

...from the office of President Mark Schroeder

You've probably heard more than once that the word "synod" means "walking together." It means walking together in what we believe (our common faith based on God's inerrant Word as summarized in our Lutheran Confessions) and walking together in what we do (carrying out our God-given mission to take the gospel to all the world). This summer's convention beautifully emphasized the many ways in which both of these aspects of walking together are vital and important in all we do as a synod.

In a number of different ways, the convention emphasized the importance of walking together in what we believe. The devotions, essays, and reports all focused on how the means of grace—the gospel in Word and sacrament—are the focus and foundation of all we do. God's Word shapes our beliefs. It is proclaimed faithfully in pulpits and classrooms and in mission fields. The gospel of Jesus Christ strengthens our faith, unites us as members of God's family, and gives life to the church as the body of Christ. The convention passed resolutions encouraging a synod-wide study of these precious truths—truths that sound so basic but that should never be taken for granted. The convention also approved the establishment of a program for continuing education for called workers—not primarily as a means for them to learn new strategies or to develop practical skills, but rather as an encouragement for all called workers to continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ through continued study of his Word.

The convention also had much to say about our walking together in what we do. You are aware that some elements of our mission and ministry needed to be curtailed and reduced due to the shortage of funds. At the same time

that we made these difficult reductions, we were reminded of the many opportunities that God is placing before us. Those opportunities to share the gospel with more and more people exist in our congregations, in our communities, across the country, and around the world. The difficulties we have faced in our synod's budget should not distract us from the simple facts that the fields are still ripe for the harvest and that God has given us the special privilege of taking his saving message to people who are still lost in their sin.

As we walk together in his Word and in our mission, we have the opportunity in the weeks ahead to recommit ourselves as a synod to faithfulness in both of these areas. When it comes to walking together in his Word, thank God for the pure gospel that is proclaimed every week in your worship. Encourage your pastors and teachers to continue to proclaim that Word faithfully and to defend it zealously. Use your Bibles at home and attend Bible classes at your church. "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16).

When it comes to walking together in our mission, we also have the opportunity to recommit ourselves to expanding our efforts to reach out with the gospel once again. It's been very encouraging that Congregation Mission Offerings, which had fallen in the first four months of the year, have rebounded during the last four months.

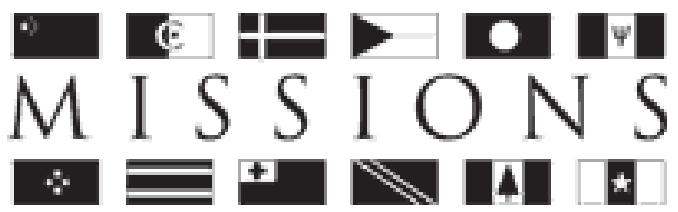
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Joyful Noise Notes

- Ann Winkler

Joyful Noise Preschool has begun its tenth year of operation. This year there are ten 3 years olds attending Tuesday and Thursday morning and fifteen 4 and 5 year olds Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. These twenty-five children are learning the routine of school. We learned that God created the world with His almighty power and it was very good. We also learned why we need a Savior and that Jesus loves little children. Learning about the tower of Babel and the great flood are in the future. Skills of patterning, sorting and identifying letters and sounds have been introduced. Letters A through G have been the focus. Art, counting the days of the month, dressing our weather bear for the day, and learning to play together fill the remaining time. No time is wasted during our busy day. The children will enjoy a short break October 7-9 for the Wisconsin Teacher's Conference. The month will end with a costume party featuring the children's favorite non-gory or non-scary characters.



Mission Sunday is October 11

Free Money!

- Dorothy Cords

I hope this title isn't misleading, but you really can obtain "free money" for our preschool through your Thrivent policy or investment. If you make out a check to Joyful Noise Preschool, Thrivent will match it. For every \$2 you give, Thrivent will add another \$1. As an example, if you choose to give \$20 to Joyful Noise Preschool, and it will become \$30 simply by filling out a form which may be found on the table in the narthex or ask Ann Winkler for a copy. You may also go on line at www.thrivent.com. Each person who has a Thrivent policy may give up to \$600 in a year and it would be matched with another \$300. There is no set amount you must give, it's your decision. You may also give to two different eligible organizations each year through the GivingPlus program. Each one may be matched up to \$600. If it works better for you, you can also give at several different times of the year as the Lord blesses you. Remember this GivingPlus program is available to Thrivent policy and investment holders only.



Resuming Our Walk continued...

This is particularly amazing because the summer months are typically times when congregations struggle to meet their budgets and to keep up with their mission commitments. We pray that this encouraging trend will continue in the months ahead, since fall is a time when most congregations have mission festivals and Walking Together Sundays. As congregations continue to faithfully grow in their support for the work of the synod, we pray that the painful reductions in mission programs and staffing are a thing of the past. We pray that we will once again be blessed with the resources to plant new mission congregations, to expand our efforts in world mission fields, and to provide greater assistance to young people who are preparing for ministry in our schools.

People who walk generally look ahead. As we walk together as a synod, let's look ahead with joy and confidence to the mission that God has given us and with a common trust that he will bless us as we carry out that mission.

Serving in Christ,
Mark Schroeder



President Mark Schroeder

*B*ut the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of
the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea.

—Habakkuk 2:14



Ladies Guild

Women's Bible Study

The Ladies Guild will be hosting a Women's Bible Study entitled "Back To Our Root" with guest speaker Valerie Johnson on Saturday, October 17th, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. The Bible Study will take a look at John 15 to find out why we need a strong connection to our root, Jesus Christ, in order to produce fruit. Women from area congregations are also invited. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you can come. We look forward to having you join us!

Meeting

Eleven ladies were present at the September meeting. Many items of business were discussed including the Women's Bible Study, Mission Sunday, and even Christmas wreaths. The next meeting is Saturday, October 10th, at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!



Ladies Guild will again be selling wreaths for Christmas. The price is still the same as last year: \$12.00 each. There is a sign up sheet on the board in the fellowship hall. Deadline to sign up is

November 4th. Wreaths will be delivered on November 20th.

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

*... home of Joyful Noise
Preschool*



Frederick A. Kogler, pastor
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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.