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BROWN BAG CONCERTS BEGIN!



The Music Committee at Emmanuel Parish is pleased to announce the 21st annual Brown Bag Concert schedule. These concerts are held on Wednesdays throughout July and August from 12 to 12:30 p.m. in the church. The concerts are free, however donations are requested which fund a scholarship for a local music student to attend music camp. The audience is encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and eat on the lawn following the concert.

The first Brown Bag Concert on July 6 will feature Martin Lund and friends, including high school students Mackie Blackburn -- who received last year's camp scholarship -- and Robin Gropp.

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| July 6, 2011 | Martin Lund with Maggie Blackburn and Robin Gropp |
| July 13, 2011 | Bodalo Trio - piano, cello & clarinet |
| July 20, 2011 | Andrea Rackl - piano |
| July 27, 2011 | Roger Sherman, organ and Steve Alboucq, trumpet |
| August 3, 2011 | Marianne Lewis - organ |
| August 10, 2011 | Orcatraz Swing Band |
| August 17, 2011 | Carolyn Cruso - hammered dulcimer |
| August 24, 2011 | Sharon Abreu - vocalist |

RECTOR'S RUMINATIONS ESSENTIAL SERVICES, PART II

As you may recall last month I reflected on what constitutes what we term “essential services” for and by the State given the threat of a government shutdown that loomed large. I noted that the institution of government and those elected to represent and serve our ideals are called upon to serve the common good in our stated declaration in affirming life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Following my ruminations last month, I found myself wondering what it is that constitutes “essential services” for the Church, the subject of my reflections this month. Imagine the Church facing a shutdown and having to establish priorities in terms of the “essentials” of ministry and those aspects of our religious life that could be jettisoned. In short, what are the “essential services” the Church provides in serving the common good?

Since we are a Christian Church, let's begin with Christ. If one examines the Gospel, that which is essential to the ministry of Jesus is prayerful obedience to God in establishing the kingdom of God through the ministry of reconciliation. In terms of substance, I suppose the short answer would be the Summary of the Law or Great Commandment (our mission statement): “To love God and God's creation (*which are inseparable*) with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.” The esse of what Jesus preached, taught and lived and instructed his disciples (and us), guided by The Holy Spirit, to do after his resurrection and ascension. The great and new commandment (*mandatum novum*) is the distillation, the esse of Christian ministry in service to God and the common good (again the two being inseparable).

If one looks at Jesus' ministry in terms of “essential services” or activities in ushering in a new reality that we call the kingdom of God, three essential activities can be discussed. First, prophecy, since Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy; prophecy understood as proclaiming (as in preaching) the word of God to the present situation as opposed to foretelling the future. Second, given the title given to him as Rabbi, to teach the meaning of the Torah (better rendered “teachings” and the prophecy and God's desire for us and creation to be healed, whole and holy; in short, healing as the incarnation of God's love and the basis for the essential ministry of reconciliation.

How does Jesus three-fold ministry as “essential services” pointing to participating in and embodying God's kingdom define the “essential services” of the Christian Church since its inception on Pentecost and today?

Let's begin with consideration of the notion of “essential service(s)” as applied to Christianity and the Church. Albert Schweitzer said it succinctly, “There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest need.” “Service” or “servant ministry” in following Jesus and the great commandment is the key. Consider the obvious, “Church Services” as locations for prophecy, teaching and healing, the basis for preaching, instruction and formation and the Church's ministry of reconciliation. Said differently, the sacraments, as found in The Prayer Book and taught in the Catechism (Baptism, the rite of initiation; Holy Eucharist, the rite of intensification are the “essential worship services” and shape the other “essential sacramental services” of Confirmation, Ordination, Holy Matrimony, Reconciliation of a Penitent and healing. All are “essential services” as outward and visible signs of God's love and grace.

But as Dietrich Bonhoeffer once noted, the essential services of the Church go beyond worship “services,” “In Jesus the service of God and service of the least of the brethren were one.” Following the example of Jesus, essential to our understanding ministry as servant ministry is feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, healing the sick and comforting the dying. The common denominator in worship and pastoral care is service, “essential services” and servanthood, even when it brings with it suffering. And in such service we realize existentially the old Latin proverb, “He (or she) who serves is preserved (for now and eternity).”

A final, but by no means exhaustive thought on Jesus and the “essential services” of Christian ministry. As articulated and more importantly made incarnate in Jesus, He “came not to be served but to serve” and to announce and embody that “He that is greatest among you shall be your servant” (Matthew 23:11).

In whose service is perfect freedom,

+Craig

DINNER KITCHEN UPDATE



It's July, and I thought you would enjoy a brief mid-year update on your DINNER KITCHEN. As you know, the DINNER KITCHEN team ... now 35 strong ... provides monthly dinners to the community in the Parish Hall and lunches at the Food Bank. While our primary guest focus is on Food Bank participants and the island's Senior community, we also provide meals for any others in need.

Soup and bread no more ... we try to make our meals *really special* for our guests. A typical menu may include barbequed salmon, beef, pulled pork or chicken. The side dishes, including salads, veggies, pasta and desserts (of course!), are provided by our team participants. Our Food Bank lunches are on the lighter side and often include burgers and sausage, peppers and onions on a hoagie role, or soup and a pasta dish, plus all of the trimmings.

Sometimes our guests bring something to share with the others. Homemade tamales, veggie side-dishes and great desserts are frequent gifts to the event. In June a group of guests formed the All Star DINNER KITCHEN Glee Club and composed a great song about the team's work. The gifts are brought in love and as a way of saying "THANK YOU" to the Parish for the events.

In 2010, we served more than 1700 meals and are on pace to serve more than 2100 this year. These numbers continue to grow in this difficult economy and are double the numbers we anticipated when the program was established 18 months ago.

Your continued help and financial support are always very much appreciated; and you are welcome to join the DINNER KITCHEN team ... as you answer God's call to be a generous and giving person in service to others.

More Joy, Tom
Tom Murdock

JULY 3RD – SERVICE AND PICNIC

Bring your own picnic lunch as we enjoy the 4th of July weekend following the combined 1st Sunday service at 10:00. Besides your lunch, please bring your favorite topping for the ice cream which the church will provide. Also, bring a blanket or lawn chair if you'd like to settle beneath spacious skies with Emmanuel friends, including our returning rector from summer vacation, Bishop Craig.

July Birthdays

- 1 Bettye Johnson
- 2 Cheryl Danskin
- 8 Thomas Wendland
- 8 Christian Heisinger
- 10 Ed Benshoof
- 13 Scott Heisinger
- 14 Kathryn Cale Hansen
- 19 David Evans
- 17 Fran Pritchett
- 21 Jan Reid
- 25 Virginia Jensen
- 26 Noel Jeffrey
- 30 Jan Koltun Titus

July Anniversaries

- 21 George & Ingrid Karnikis
- 21 Steve & Nancy Malott
- 25 Carl & Marianne Lewis

Prayer List

Lynn Sauter, Bob Schliebus, Cheryl Parker Meyer, John, John Michael, Melia & Chris, John Fox, Kyle Palmer, Carol Tully, Louise Tucker, Jennifer Wong, Chet Linowski, Sharon Heller, Valerie, Jean Blease, Jenny Peters, Ron Johnson, Nora Dietlein, Ruth Bergsman, Fred Munder, Elyse Van Den Bosch, John Prince, Anna Kathryn, Molly, Maureen Hannan, Barbara Padget, Dawn Lease, Kate, William Henry Brown, Marilyn Storey, Peter Rutledge, Ross, Don McLean, Monica Lucas, Marsha Cowles.

Lodging Need

Rosedanie Cadet, founder and director of the Noramise organization serving Haiti, supported in part by Emmanuel Parish when some of our young people traveled there last summer, is back on island from her time in Haiti this winter. She is currently looking for a place to situate her motor home. If you or someone you know has land access with water and power hook ups, please contact the church office.

EMMANUEL AND CHILDREN



Pentecost

On June 12th Emmanuel celebrated Pentecost with 'tongues' and 'flames of fire' descending over and upon the heads of parishioners wearing red. The Spirit gracing the congregation was received through the gift of our children's preparation and participation.

Over several Sundays, the children carefully folded and decorated planes of fire under the instruction of Christian Heisinger (almost 9yrs). His passion and gift for paper planes has never waned since coming to Emmanuel at the age of 5. Many of you may be familiar with paper airplanes carefully folded, lofting or zipping through our parish hall from time to time during coffee hours, a sign of Christian launching another masterpiece. The particular model used for the flames of fire was especially created not to have a sharp point; rather to sail and settle gently. Thank you to Christian and Lisa, his Mom, for leading us, and to all the children who prepared the red, yellow, and orange Spirit planes put to flight.

Sunday Circle

The Children's Sunday Circle completed this year's season on Trinity Sunday and will take a rest until September. Some special opportunities each of the summer months will be offered to keep us in touch.

Thank you to all the parents who nurtured their children in the home (your work goes on during the summer), who brought them to church to learn and participate in the faith community. The presence of children is a gift! Many thanks to Ursula Pamatian who served as my right hand either in the nursery or helping with the Sunday Circle this year. She was ready and very able to change directions and jump in where needed bringing her gifts of care and nurture to our young ones.

Upcoming Activities for the Summer

Sunday, July 3rdkids make their own homemade ice cream at the church picnic, following the service.

Sunday, July 17thkids will bring their homemade cards of welcome for Bishop Rickel's visit, and get a chance to meet him.

Thursday, July 28thcome build a salad for the Dinner Kitchen. 2:30 pm in the parish hall.

August, ?.....Boat ride and beach clean up. To be announced.

Keep the children and families in your prayers. Happy Summer!

- Cheryl

JOYFUL NOISE!

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

July 17 will be the day to make an **extra special** Joyful Noise!!! Emmanuel will be hosting our Diocesan Bishop, Greg Rickel, one of the youngest bishops in the Episcopal Church – forward thinking, energetic, and nice to know. He also loves the joyful noise of the music of the church and Marianne will give him a treat!! He will preach, celebrate, confirm and receive while here – also meet in a working lunch with vestry and staff. What a rich day it will be to have **two** bishops on Orcas Island!



Bishop Greg Rickel

Bishop Rickel emphasizes a back-to-basics approach that gets at the core of what Episcopalians believe and why, also the rich traditions they have, as he thinks too many Episcopalians aren't clear on that. At the same time he encourages congregations to look forward, to experiment with different ways of thinking about and operating as a church. He understands that we are in the midst of a cultural shift which calls for some alternative ways of doing things. I think he will feel right at home at Emmanuel where our own rector has led us in some new and creative worship experiences and where we are learning to love some music besides the hymnal (though we still love it, too!) Also, the progressive voice of the church can be heard in the Rector's Forum and EFM for those who want to explore some new patterns and new understandings.

We are a congregation strongly rooted in our community, reaching far to serve the needy and preserve the environment. We are fairly traditional in our worship. Our vestry has reported this to him, but is also anxious to hear him answer the question, "What is a contemporary Episcopalian?" We want to hear about his vision for the church and how we can help to further it. Bishop Rickel is widely read – watch for the books he recommends – on display in the foyer of the Parish Hall. Look for him at youth gatherings and ecumenical celebrations. Read about him in church periodicals and tune in to what he says on Facebook and Twitter. He is thoroughly up-to-date and thoroughly down-to-earth.

Plan to be at Emmanuel on July 17!!! Plan to enjoy young face of the Episcopal Church.

Catherine Clemens

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It's a community effort! **Please submit your newsletter contributions in a Word .doc or .docx file to Karen Blinn via email at parishoffice@orcasepiscopal.org.** (Since you would type it anyway, submitting electronically saves the office staff from needing to retype – Thanks!)

Your photos of Parish Events are appreciated! Photos are gratefully accepted and may be submitted electronically to Karen B. as well, preferably in .JPG file formats.

Please note that **the deadline for submissions to Emmanuel's Newsletter is 12 Noon on the 25th of every month.**

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'THANK YOU' NOTES

The Emmanuel Parish Music Committee received a thank you note from the Blaine Jazz Camp for providing another scholarship for a music student to attend camp. This is the 6th year we have provided a full scholarship to a student to attend camp. This year's recipient is Christopher Ghazel.

"Thank you again for all you do to promote the arts with young folks. Your Parish has been very generous over the years, and we always enjoy the students you send us. I know Christopher will grow in talent and confidence under the direction of our talented staff. We look forward to meeting him. Thanks again,"

*Suzanne Conrad,
Blaine Jazz Camp*

And from Team Noramise...

*Dear Friends,
On Thursday, June 2nd we once again used your wonderful parish hall for an event in support of our work in Haiti. We are most grateful to you for this opportunity and sincerely thank you not only for this but also for the ongoing support you are lending to our efforts. We are standing side –by side in helping the Haitian people.*

*Very best wishes,
Robin Woodward for Team Noramise*