

congratulations graduates!

**Kelly Koester** graduated from Urbana High School. She will attend the University of Iowa, majoring in Marketing.

**Lauren McQueen** graduated from Champaign Central High School. She will attend Parkland College and then transfer to the University of Illinois.

**Emily Mills** graduated from Elmhurst College with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Rachel Swindle** graduated from the High School of St. Thomas More. She will attend Indiana University in Bloomington, majoring in Business.

**Russell Wetzel** graduated from Champaign Central High School. He will attend Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, majoring in History. He will be an NCAA Division III athlete, running cross country as well as track and field.

*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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### Thank you! Thank you to our Sunday School Staff

When children are baptized in our church, all those present vow to “do all in our power to support these persons in their life in Christ.” At the close of the Sunday-school year, we thank those who have devoted considerable time and talent to support and teach Emmanuel’s children. Thanks are especially due to teachers Lisa Kocheril, Bill Techau, Mimi Lapointe and Sonia Warfel; and to Julie Gunn, who has provided weekly music instruction to the Sunday-school children. In addition, we extend a big “thank you” to Linda Meyer and Deacon Hopkins for the wonderful work they do in Children’s Chapel. And, of course, we are grateful and appreciative of the assistance given by parents, grandparents and parishioners in “helping to support these persons in their life in Christ.”

As we finish this year, we must also begin to look ahead to next fall. An exciting addition to the Sunday School program next year will be the addition of the first “atrium” (classroom) of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This Christ-centered program – modeled on the Montessori learning method – will be the Sunday school program for the youngest children. The Catechesis program focuses on the parables of Jesus, Christian formation and learning about the liturgy through the use of child-oriented, manipulative materials. The program does extend to include older children, and we hope to add other “atria” later on. Linda Meyer, who has received training in the Catechesis approach, will be the lead instructor for the initial atrium.

We will need teachers for the Catechesis atrium and for the older children’s class for the fall. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please let us know by calling Sara Burrus at 344-1866 or the parish office at 352-9827.

### Parish Picnic around the corner

The annual Parish Picnic at Lake of the Woods in Mahomet will be Sunday, June 22. The 10:15 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the Rotary Pavilion and followed immediately by the picnic. The Youth Group is organizing the games as they have in the past and the Special Events committee is preparing the menu. Those attending are asked to bring either a dessert or salad to share. The main course, beverages

and table service will be provided. Please note that the 8:00 a.m. Mass will be held at the church that morning.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Great Hall so the committee has a head-count as well as an idea of the variety of desserts and salads.

**DIRECTIONS TO ROTARY PAVILION:** If driving from Champaign and the east, take Interstate 74 toward Bloomington. Exit at the Prairie View Road exit off of I-74. Turn right onto Prairie View Road. Turn left at the next stop sign (there are signs at this four-way stop intersection directing you to Lake of the Woods). Pass the Tin Cup Campground and, at the bottom of the hill and at the T-intersection, turn right. Cross the bridge and take the first left. There is a sign directing you to the Rotary Pavilion. Follow road to the right around the golf course.

### Youth Group Trip Planned

Emmanuel Youth Group members will take an overnight trip to the Chicago area June 8-9. Sunday, the group will attend church at St. James Cathedral, visit the Art Institute, Millennium Park and Navy Pier before driving to Gurnee. There they will meet with the Church of the Annunciation Youth Group sharing pizza, playing games, watching movies and (hopefully) sleeping some. The next day will be spent at the amusement park, Great America/Six Flags, Gurnee.

Each participant’s cost will be \$60 plus money to pay for the two lunches in the parks. The \$60 will cover the cost of the amusement park ticket, entry to the Art Institute and some of the other meals. Emmanuel Youth Group funds will cover the remainder of the cost for transportation and meals. Current Youth Group members have first priority to go on this trip. Other youth who would like to attend may do so as space permits. Please speak with Dn. Chris as soon as possible if you would like to go on this trip.

# The Rector's Corner

Dear People of Emmanuel Memorial Church:

This past weekend, I traveled to Chicago for the graduation of Brad Pace from Seabury-Western seminary. I must say that I have a new sympathy for those who sit on a hard oak pew for a two-and-a-half hour ceremony.

While in Chicago, I filled up with gas at a station in downtown Chicago. I paid \$ 4.39 per gallon. That got my attention!

In the last few months as gas prices and grocery prices have edged up, we have had an increasing number of persons coming to the parish office door asking for assistance with gas and grocery purchases. My own experience of a “gulp” at paying high gas prices has made me aware of how the current economic situation is putting the pinch on those who live at or below the poverty line. I’m not one of them, but I have been made aware of how persons who are trying to make it on limited incomes are falling behind in these tough economic times.

The persons who come to the parish door seeking assistance are most often persons with whom we have some history. We know they are “for-reallys” who are not out to scam anyone, but are just trying to get by. Others are referred to us by local agencies. These are persons who do not meet other guidelines for funding and would otherwise fall-through-the-cracks. Some are students who are sent to us by their church back home. Persons new or unfamiliar to us are screened as best we can to insure that their need is on the up-and-up. In these cases, we most often pay directly to utilities or other companies known to us – or take them directly to a gas station and add gas to their car tank on the church credit card. In order to assist the largest number of persons, most often each person is assisted with not more than \$ 20 per month – about five gallons of gas.

The number of persons assisted on any given day or week varies widely. The weather, time of the month (at the end of a pay period) and other factors affect how many persons stop by. Some make an effort to return funds to the church when they are able. All funds used to assist persons who come to the church door come from the Discretionary Fund.

At the most recent Vestry Meeting, I requested, and the Wardens and Vestry granted permission for me to make you

aware of this growing need in the form of persons who come to your church door seeking assistance. Persons wishing to assist those in need through the Discretionary Fund can do so in a variety of ways.

1) ALL loose-plate offering (cash not in an envelope) at the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass goes to the Discretionary Fund (as per canon).

2) All loose-plate offering at the 10:15 a.m. Sunday Mass ONLY ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH goes to the Discretionary Fund (as per canon).

3) All funds placed in the Alms Basin in the Lady Chapel go to the fund.

4) All checks made out to the church with “Discretionary Fund” on the memo line, and all cash in an envelope marked for the fund also go to the fund.

In these economic times, please consider helping those at the lowest end of the economic scale. The persons helped at your church door are those who are doing their best to make it out of poverty. Perhaps consider donating the equivalent of one tank of gas this summer. Please also remember to bring in canned goods and staples for the food pantry.

Remember how Our Lord responded when asked, “when did we see you homeless, or naked, or hungry?” When you have helped the persons who come to your parish door, you have helped Jesus himself. Thank you, in advance, for your continuing generosity.

Faithfully,

(The Reverend Father) Alan A. Herbst, Obl. SSJE  
Rector

# Milestones

## June Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1  | Albert Rossi       | 19 | Fr. Eugene Hall      |
|    | Geoffrey Swanson   |    | Karl Muster          |
|    | Russell Wetzal     |    | Lynn Ryle            |
| 3  | Will Roemelt       |    | Libbie Morley        |
|    | Lillian Larivee    | 22 | Stephen Brown        |
| 7  | Elizabeth Clarkson |    | Morgan Standley      |
| 10 | Judy Link          | 24 | Bill Link            |
| 12 | Anna Cianciolo     | 27 | Icko Iben, Jr.       |
| 13 | Margie McCabe      |    | Ellen Mills          |
|    | Joanna Muster      | 28 | Erlene Buford        |
| 14 | Harriett Maxwell   |    | Libbie Lore          |
|    | Marie Rennick      |    | Betty Wilson         |
|    | Elliott Griffin    | 29 | John Duffy           |
| 15 | Don Pilcher        |    | Mary Moore           |
|    | William Wetzal     | 30 | Larry Bouton         |
|    | Austin DuVall      |    | Lorraine Worthington |
| 16 | Anne Shinall       |    |                      |
|    | Monica Grant       |    |                      |
| 17 | Alice Kelly        |    |                      |

## In the life of our Parish

### Confirmands - May 25

Garrett Thomas Conant Barnard  
Mary Evans Dickerson  
Ethan Craig Russell  
Samantha Marie Wells

### Faithfully Departed:

Sam Buford - May 25

*May his soul and the souls  
of all the departed rest in  
peace. And may light  
perpetual shine upon them.*

## June Anniversaries

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|----|---|
| 3  | Rob & Jennifer Hurford  |
| 9  | Fred & Priscilla McCauley   |
| 11 | Anniversary of Deacon Hopkins<br>ordination to the Diaconate<br>Alan & Lynn Ryle  |
| 13 | Anniversary of Fr. Hall's ordination<br>to the Priesthood<br>Mike & Chris Hopkins |
| 17 | Gerry & Lettie Johnson  |
| 18 | Dasha & Josh Young  |
| 19 | Larry & Marjorie Bouton<br>Henry & Karen Motsegood                                |
| 22 | Anna Cianciolo & Alex Kirlik  |
| 24 | Ed & Lois Rath  |
| 25 | Jason & Lisa Cerezo   |
| 26 | Will & Dot Roemelt<br>Ridley & Evis Brown<br>Liz & Mike Lindemann                 |
| 28 | Bill & Marcia Cooper  |

*“O God, our times are in your hand: Look  
with favor, we pray, on your servants as they  
begin another year. Grant that they may  
grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen  
their trust in your goodness all the days of  
their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

*Amen*

# The Staff at Emmanuel

**The Right Reverend Peter H. Beckwith**  
**The Reverend Alan A. Herbst, Obl. SSJE**  
**The Reverend Eugene Hall**  
**The Reverend Christine Hopkins**  
**Michael Fisher**  
**Kevin Kelly**  
**Lori Dobrik**

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield  
Rector  
Priest Associate  
Deacon  
Organist  
Choirmaster  
Parish Administrator

## Wardens and Vestry

William Link, Treasurer  
Lori Dobrik, Clerk  
Roger Burrus, Rector's Warden  
Terri Kobel, Parish Warden

Roger Burrus  
Fritz Danielson  
Brian Holding  
Terri Kobel

Lisa Kocheril  
Brenda Koester  
Kim McQueen  
Carol Jeanne Muster

Dean Olson  
Lois Rath  
Craig Russell  
Winton Solberg