



"Blessed are the Children"

Address given by David Kobel at the Parish Picnic in June.

I have been going to Emmanuel for all of my life but I figured out that I would have to give this speech sometime in middle school and I have been trying to think of ways to get out of it since. The best idea I could come up with was to pray for rain.

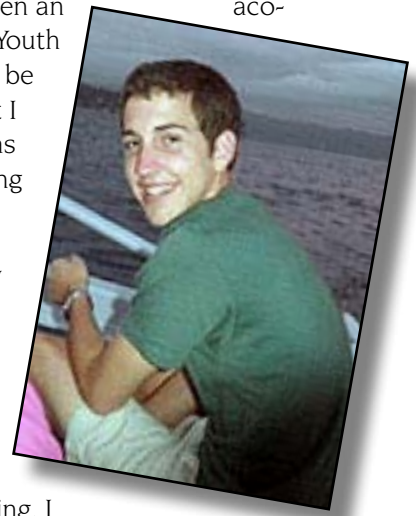
In my time at Emmanuel I have been involved in a number of things—I have been an acolyte for nine years, I was in Sunday School for what felt like forever, I am in the Youth Group, I have worked at the church the past four summers, and I was forced to be in the annual Christmas Pageant. Although there were times when I wished that I didn't have to go to Sunday School or an acolyte meeting, I am happy that I was involved in all those things because I feel that they played a huge role in molding me into the person I am.

Some of you might remember me as a baby and toddler sitting in the front pew so my parents could make a quick getaway with me if I started screaming. Back then the reason I went to church was because my mom promised me and my brother if we were good we could go to West Side Park after the service. We didn't make the cut very often, and to all of you who remember, I am sorry.

When I was nine my mom signed me up to be an acolyte and the only time I have been more nervous than when I was a flag for the first time was this morning. I asked every single acolyte what I was supposed to do at least twice and went over the job in my head over and over. I learned when the service started that I should have lifted weights before in preparation because nothing short of that could have prepared me for how much that flag weighed.

Once I became an acolyte I not only had to learn the jobs but I also had to learn how to act at the altar. Since that meant no moving around or talking the only thing to do was pay attention to what was going on in the service. Over the years, as acolyting became more second nature, I could pay more and more attention to the service and I developed a better understanding of the lessons. I feel like this brought me closer to the church and strengthened my faith.

Without Emmanuel I don't know what I would be doing or where I would be right now because it has been such a huge part of my life. Thank you everyone who I have gotten to know over the years. I feel like I could count on any of you if I ever encountered something I needed help with.



The Rector's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been a wonderful summer at your parish. Summer worship attendance has been the best in years, and I thank you for your dedication and faithfulness. The parish grounds are beautiful. I thank your summer work crew and gardeners for their efforts. My hands and finger nails are also dirty, but it is good dirt. I want to recognize our summer work crew—Markie Glassgow, Ethan Russell, Griffin Meek, Thor Johnson, and David Kobel (crew chief). They painted the NE stairwell of the Mowry Building, painted the church kitchen, polished all manner of brass and silver, washed every dish and item of silverware in the church kitchen, washed all kitchen cabinets, washed all the toys and surfaces in the Nursery, polished all kitchen appliances, steam cleaned the Great Hall carpet, and did all manner of other work around the building and property. These are remarkable young men. They are self starters. They needed no supervision from me, and even found things to attend to that I would have missed. We are blessed as a parish to have such a great summer work crew. They save your parish many dollars by doing work which would be much more expensive if we paid outside contractors to do this work.

We have upgraded your parish HVAC systems. Our goal is to ensure that the temperature in the building is comfortable at all times. This has not been cheap! Our treasurer informs us that we are already experiencing savings in utility bills because of this work. Soon you will see roofers working on the slate roof of your church buildings. The summer wind storms have reeked havoc on the slate roofs which cause leaks in the building. We hope to have this work completed before the snow flies. The parish gardens are in very good shape. I am grateful to our summer work crew and

gardeners for their work. The most frequently heard reason for why a newcomer came to Emmanuel is "the parish gardens". They are drawn to the beauty of this place, and then enfolded into your arms of Christian fellowship. Good for you!

I want to thank each of you for your generosity in reaching out to those in need. To date this year, you have donated \$ 11, 697 to outreach ministries. Included are The Discretionary Funds, Grace USA, Nets for Life, The Sack Lunch Program, Episcopal Relief and Development, and others. YOU are alleviating suffering in many areas in the name of Christ. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

Lastly, your Wardens, Vestry, and Treasurers have asked me to plug the parish budget. People always think that the only "lean" financial months are the summer. Actually, late Summer and early Fall, when people are coming off of vacations or spending money on school supplies are also "lean". Your parish remains in the black at the present time, but we have had to dip into reserve funds to do so. If you can keep your pledge current, it would be greatly appreciated.

All in all, it has been a great Summer at Emmanuel. Thank you to all who made it so. Your Vestry, Committees and Commissions have been planning to kick off the Fall in a great way. Please assist us in entering the Fall semester in the most positive manner.

With my love and prayers,



Fr. Alan, Obl. SSJE

Financial Report

Capital Project Plan for Emmanuel

In an effort to improve our parish's long-term planning and budgeting process, the Vestry has decided to develop a five-year Capital Project plan. A committee of parishioners with appropriate skills is in the process of being formed to identify potential projects, prioritize needs, and develop budget estimates for identified work. Potential committee members have been identified and will be contacted in the next several weeks. Those interested in serving on the committee are invited to contact Parish Warden Randy Kobel at 398-2049. Parishioners with experience in construction,

construction management, architecture or engineering are encouraged to serve. It is anticipated that the committee will meet four times between September and December. The first meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Vestry Room. At that meeting a committee structure will be developed and the process of identifying needs will begin. Subsequent meetings will be for the coordination of tasks related to the prioritized project list that include budget estimates. It is hoped that a completed five-year Capital Plan can be presented at the Annual Meeting in January 2012.

From the Treasurer and Finance Committee

As we approach the end of the third quarter of the year, we are pleased to report that all bills have been paid in a timely manner and expenses are down almost \$7,800 from what they were at the end of August 2010. We have been extremely vigilant in the disbursement of parish funds and pledge to continue to keep a close eye on all expenses.

As Fr. Al reported in this month's "Rector's Corner" your generosity to those in need in our communities and throughout the world has been exceptional. In 2011 you have given \$11,697 to outreach ministry in our parish, our communities and around the world, especially to the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the tornadoes in the south and Missouri and the flooding in the Midwest.

Parish income numbers have not fared as well, however. Through August 21st, the total income received for

2011 is down almost \$6,000 from the same time last year. We have had to tap in to more of the Advanced Pledge money that is on deposit in the money market account at Hickory Point Bank this year compared to 2010. As of the end of July 2011, \$14,723 has been transferred from the money market to the operating account compared to \$8,261 at the same time last year. Plate offerings and non-pledge income are also down from last year. This means we are working hard to carry out the ministry in and outside our parish as planned but with fewer dollars. Please remember that the day-to-day expenses of the parish go on the same way your expenses at home continue.

Again, thank you for your financial support of the ministry of Emmanuel Parish and we pledge that we will continue to be good stewards of the gifts you have given.

Youth Group

Sunday, September 18

6:00—8:00 p.m.

The first fall meeting of Youth Group is open to all in grades six through twelve. We will gather at Emmanuel and then go together to Putt-Putt golf. The cost is \$5 to play. Snacks will be provided and we will have a brief discussion about youth group events in the year ahead. We will talk about fun activities (such as games, bowling, swimming), service to the community (such as Crisis Nursery, Toys for Tots, sack lunches), service to the church (such as annual meeting breakfast, preparing the church for various seasons, Lenten suppers), and educational opportunities (such as Bible study, world religions, and other).

Sunday, September 25

6:00—8:00 p.m.

We will meet from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the church. Weather permitting, we will cross the street to West Side Park for food and fun. Hot dogs, hamburgers and other goodies will be served and we will play games, including capture the flag. In case of stormy weather the meeting will be held in Emmanuel's Great Hall. All food will be provided for this meeting.

Anyone interested in providing a meal for a future youth group meeting may speak to Deacon Hopkins.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum Fall Semester

We will continue our study and discussion of the book *A Brief Introduction to the New Testament* by Dr. Bart D. Ehrman. Each week we will view a 30-minute DVD by Dr. Ehrman that closely parallels the book. The book may be purchased in the parish office or at Adult Forum, which meets nearly every Sunday between services from 9:10 to 10:05 a.m. in the Adult Education Room. Purchasing the book is not required. Please feel free to join us any Sunday to view and discuss the DVD. Our first session of the new semester will be September 11th and our topic will be Paul, the Man and His Mission (Chapter 12 in the text). Our presenter on Sept. 11th will be Emmanuel parishioner and Biblical scholar Dr. Richard A. Layton, Associate Professor, Department of Religion at the University of Illinois, and Book Review Editor, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*. Rick suggests those attending that day read Paul's brief letter to Philemon prior to the class.

Bart D. Ehrman is the James A. Gray Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has published numerous books and articles on the literature and history of early Christianity including *Lost Christianities: The Battles for Scripture and the Faith We Never Knew* and *Misquoting Jesus*. One reviewer states that "Ehrman's brief introduction accomplishes in relatively few pages what other much longer introductory texts cannot; it tells a compelling story about the emergence of the earliest Christian texts and the communities behind them. The book is exceptionally student friendly because of its concise treatment of the New Testament and the clarity with which it explains scholarly approaches to the text."

Social Events Committee

We need your INPUT.....

During one of our parish Social Events planning meetings, the suggestion was made to host a "Trunk or Treat" around Halloween. This would be an opportunity for anyone interested to come to the church parking lot on the designated day and time and pop open your "decorated" vehicle trunk to hand out Halloween goodies to the "Trick or Treaters". This would be something that many thought our adult parish members would find enjoyable to participate in as well as providing a fun, safe environment for our parish youth as they gather treats. We are tentatively looking at Sunday, October 30th late afternoon or early evening for this event and

there is even a possibility that we could involve other downtown churches too.

What we would like to know from you is if there is any interest in this type of an event either as a family for Trick or Treating or as a participant in decorating your trunk and handing out treats. Although there would be minimal coordinating needed for this event, we would also be looking for a coordinator or two. Please let us know your feedback as soon as possible. Feel free to call or email Kathy Aquino KHAquino@aol.com or Lynn Ryle Leryle@ryle.com or Lori in the office emec@ameritech.net.

Choir Call

New Members Needed

With the choir on summer hiatus, now is the time to consider joining when we reconvene in September. We have had a number of personnel losses the past two years for a variety of reasons, and we are eager to fill those slots with new talent to continue Emmanuel's long tradition of choral excellence. My spies tell me there are good singers out there. In fact, I've heard some of you myself! Soprano, alto, tenor, bass – we welcome folks on all voice parts. Some music reading skills are helpful. The choir meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30, September through June. Our next rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7th. Sunday mornings we rehearse at 9:30 for the 10:15 Mass. If you enjoy singing and wish to put your musical skills to good spiritual use, please consider joining us. You'll find that we have a great deal of fun along with our diligent work. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at home at 328-6630 or at kmkelly1@gmail.com or talk to any choir member. Thanks, and I sincerely hope to see some new faces in September!

Choirmaster Kevin Kelly



Featured Outreach

Crisis Nursery

The Crisis Nursery offers short term emergency child care available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for children 5 years of age and younger. To qualify for services parents must have no other resources available to assist during times of crisis. Children can stay at the Nursery for up to 72 hours. Other services include parent education and support groups and referrals to other agencies. Volunteers must go through a training program to work directly with the children. Other areas for

volunteers include caring for the gardens, fund-raising, holiday shop workers and office help. Contact the number below to find out more.

Crisis Nursery
1309 W. Hill St.
Urbana, IL 61801
(217) 337-2730
<http://www.crisisnursery.net/>

Calendar of Events



September

- 9/5–9/6 Parish Office Closed— Labor Day
- 9/8 Clergy at Clark-Lindsey Village 10:00 a.m.
- 9/11 Children’s Chapel and Adult Forum classes begin
- 9/15 St. Catherine’s Guild Mass & Luncheon—11:00 a.m.
Capital Project Plan meeting in Vestry Room—7:00 p.m.
- 9/17 Vestry Steak Fry at church—6:00 p.m.
- 9/18 Youth Group—6:00–8:00 p.m.
- 9/21 Deadline for October Messenger
- 9/25 Youth Group—6:00–8:00 p.m.

October

- 10/2 Deanery at Emmanuel—3:00 p.m.
- 10/9 UTO Fall Ingathering
- 10/10–10/11 Parish Office Closed—Columbus Day observance
- 10/13 Clergy at Clark-Lindsey Village—10:00 a.m.
- 10/17 Vestry—7:00 p.m.
- 10/19 Deadline for November Messenger
- 10/20 St. Catherine’s Guild Mass & Luncheon—11:00 a.m.
- 10/21–10/22 Synod at St. George’s in Belleville

Milestones

September Birthdays

9/1	Santiago Rodriguez	9/10	Kenneth Mabray	9/21	Barbara Sheehan
9/2	Karen Glick	9/11	Jill Knappenberger		Mary Engelbrecht
9/3	Karen Cadwallader		Vernon Moore		Deborah Avery
	Jay Grabowski	9/12	Marcia Cooper		Deb Fruitt
9/4	Brett Feddersen	9/13	Jerry Ragle		Lisa Cerezo
9/5	Jim Erickson	9/15	Janet Macomber		Evelyn Warfel
	Ridley Brown		Toni Boynton	9/22	Judy Holding
9/6	Susan Layton		Tom Yaxley	9/25	Page Parkhill
	Mary Noel	9/16	Chris Russell	9/27	Kathy Holding
9/7	Michael Blayney		Jason Moore	9/30	John Slezak
	Dee Slezak	9/17	Fred Mansfield		Dennis Potten
	Janie Carroll	9/18	Ruth Fliegel		Taylor Feuille
9/8	Isabel Jimenez	9/19	John Thompson		
9/9	Jim Hashbarger	9/20	Sarah Moe		

"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

September Anniversaries

9/3	Karl & Carol Jeanne Muster	9/7	Jerry & Ginny Ragle	9/24	Erich & Hediye Scheeler
	Brian & Judy Holding	9/12	Clark & Mary Lee Spence	9/28	Hall & Carolyn Maxwell
	Tony & Louise Audrieth		Ed & Carolyn Ogen	9/29	Tom & Sheila Barnard
9/4	Charles & Cindy Schlatter	9/16	Kenneth & Mary Mabray		
		9/17	John & Kathy Aquino		

In the Life of Our Parish

Confirmations

Carl Frederick Brueckner
Ryan Trevvett Chalifoux
Claire Elizabeth Dickerson
Nicolas Raymond Haken

Philip Abraham Kocheril
Grace Elizabeth Layton
Richard A. Layton
Alexandra Lee Wells

Receptions

Mary Elisabeth Brueckner
Nancy Ellen Suchomski

The Staff at Emmanuel

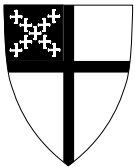
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The Right Reverend Daniel H. Martins	Bishop
The Reverend Alan A. Herbst, Obl. SSJE	Rector
The Reverend Eugene Hall	Priest Associate
The Reverend Christine Hopkins	Deacon
Michael Fisher	Organist
Kevin Kelly	Choirmaster
Lori Dobrik	Parish Administrator

Wardens and Vestry

William Link, Treasurer	Randy Kobel
Lori Dobrik, Clerk	Ruth McCauley
Tom Barnard, Rector's Warden	Scott Moe
Randy Kobel, Parish Warden	Dan Noel
Tom Barnard	Hediye Scheeler
Alan Chalifoux	Laura Sonnichsen
Jeff Dobrik	Bill Techau
Patti Gruber	Kevin Thomas



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