

## Yearlong schedule of events marks anniversary

**MOOSE JAW, Sask.** - To celebrate and give thanks to God for 75 years of ministry, Emmanuel Lutheran Church has arranged for a number of events to run throughout 2009. On April 26, Rev. Wayne Lunderby (St. Paul, Chilliwack, B.C.), who served the congregation from 1990 to 1997, is set to preach. At each event those attending receive a special memento; April's is a metal bookmark stamped with Emmanuel's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo.

Planned for the weekend of June 6-7 is summer's centerpiece event. Central District president, Rev. Tom Prachar comes in to serve as guest preacher at the Sunday morning service. The preceding Saturday-evening program will feature comedienne Jan Struck and Emmanuel's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choir. Specially made anniversary coffee mugs will be available on the weekend, along with an Emmanuel Lutheran Church history book. The congregation invites all friends and former members to attend the big weekend.

The first event organized by Emmanuel's anniversary committee (Cheryl DePape, Bert Graham, Rosemary Schick and Joan Wilson) took place Sunday, February 22 with guest preacher Rev. Cliff Haberstock (Riverbend, Edmonton). Rev. Haberstock, who served Emmanuel from 1978 to 1987, travelled with his wife, Carol, to Moose Jaw over the weekend to enjoy Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, take part in the Sunday morning church service, and enjoy a special luncheon, complete with 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake. (Emmanuel member Darlene Fruson creates a special cake for each event.) As a memento everyone received a refrigerator magnet bearing the image of the church's main stained-glass window.

Celebrations continued Sunday, March 22 with another memento (blue Frisbees stamped with a white LCC logo) and another guest preacher, Rev. Jason Schultz. Rev. Schultz,



Rev. Cliff Haberstock



Rev. Jason Schultz

who grew up in the Emmanuel congregation and now serves LCC congregations in Frobisher and Oxbow, Sask., mentioned how he had been encouraged by many in the congregation to consider becoming a pastor, and through their prayers and support had done so.

In total, four sons of the congregation have become LCC pastors: Revs. Ron Towriss (Hope, Port Coquitlam, B.C.), Rod Buck (Saint James, Winnipeg), David Haberstock (Epiphany, Thunder Bay, Ont.) and Jason Schultz (St. Peter/St. John, Oxbow/Frobisher, Sask.). Currently, Emmanuel member Rod Parker studies at Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton.

The congregation began in 1914 when The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod missionary Rev. C. T. Wetzstein served Lutheran families living in the area by conducting church services in a bunkhouse. Eventually a congregation formed on June 8, 1934 under the leadership of Rev. V. Meyer; in 1939 it officially adopted the name *Emmanuel*.

*Rev. John Kreuzwieser,  
Emmanuel, Moose Jaw*

## God calls home a faithful servant

**REGINA** - Ed Bloos, a well-known figure in the Central District, Lutheran Church-Canada and throughout the city of Regina, died Monday, March 23. Rev. Daryl Solie officiated at his funeral service Thursday, March 26, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Born August 23, 1938, in Regina, Bloos served in Papua New Guinea as a Lutheran lay missionary. He married his wife, Luverne, in Australia in 1964, after meeting her at a Bible study. When the couple returned to Regina in 1982, Ed began what became a 23-year career at the Regina Food Bank as office manager, fund-



Ed Bloos

Photo courtesy Regina Leader Post

raiser and publicist. He led the way in supplementing food with counselling and education, including anger management, life skills and resumé preparation workshops.

"Ed Bloos was a very faithful member of our congregation," said Rev. Solie. "He was a strong leader and served for several years on the Board of Elders. In the past he also served on LCC's Board for Missions and Social Ministry. In recent years, in spite of failing health, he continued to serve as the Lord enabled him and was an inspiration to many."

*With files from the Regina Leader-Post*

## Lent and fellowship...across the district



Members of Zion, Nipawin enjoy fellowship during the Lenten Season. Congregation chairman, Dave Trann (photo right), made sure everyone's cup of coffee was kept fresh.



On Ash Wednesday members of St. Paul's, Saskatoon gathered for a supper of pancakes (above) followed by a burning of last year's palm branches (right), and the Ash Wednesday service.



Shrove Tuesday at Calvary, Thunder Bay.

## Food for body and soul

**ROBLIN, Man.** - Our Saviour Lutheran Church hosted a perogy-and-chili supper at the Roblin Drop-In Centre, March 1. Congregation members and guests from neighbouring churches enjoyed the meal and fellowship, then attended a service at the church officiated by Vicar Daniel Larson. After the service, the group returned to the drop-in centre to try to finish the tasty desserts!

Our Saviour is a preaching station of Zion (Yorkton, Sask.), served by Rev. Daniel Moeller and Vicar Larson.

*Gaylene Ziprick*

## Correction

Due to a production problem the photo for the caption on Page 21 of the March edition of *The Canadian Lutheran* was incorrect. We apologize for the error.



(l-r) Jack Ziprick serves perogies to vicar Daniel Larson as Eli Bodnariuk awaits his turn. In the background, Gerald Zimmer ponders whether he should have another helping of chili.

## Sign up for Communication camp

**QU'APPELLE VALLEY, Sask.** - Situated on the north shore of Pasqua Lake in the Qu'Appelle Valley, Camp Lutherland will again offer two weeks of Christian camp this summer: July 12-16 for children ages 8-10, and July 19-23 for youth ages 11-13. *Communication* is the theme, and how the world of computers has revolutionized the way we relate to one another. The Internet, cell phones and iPods enable us to access information instantly, and that's awesome—though not as awesome as God, the master mind, who has created us with minds that can invent and responsibly use technology.

Each summer at Lutherland, district youth have an opportunity to grow in the Word, make new Christian friends and enjoy God's great outdoors. Lutherland offers swimming, hiking, canoeing and games for all participants. Campers

stay in new dormitories that include four bunks per room and washrooms in the building. Daily Bible study and crafts underscore the love God has for us in His Son, Jesus. Exposure to good Christian role models in the youth counsellors, pastors, directors, cooks, and song and craft leaders is a further benefit for those who attend the camp. A canteen is available for short periods each day; campfires and sing-alongs with snacks finish the

days off right.

For more information on what Lutherland has to offer, please check [www.cاملutherland.com](http://www.cاملutherland.com) or contact camp managers Leonard and Phyllis Pantel, Box 186, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK S0G 1S0; 306-332-9235. Or contact Rev. Irwin Pudrycki, [ihpudrycki@sasktel.net](mailto:ihpudrycki@sasktel.net) or 227 Alport Cres., Regina SK S4R 7Y7; 306-543-2107.

During the rest of the year, Lutherland offers space for confirmation retreats, family reunions and a variety of other Christian fellowship and learning opportunities. An affiliate of Lutheran Church-Canada, Lutherland draws its primary support from LCC congregations in southern Saskatchewan—from which it also draws its volunteer workers. Camp Lutherland's board, made up of volunteers from the area, works hard throughout the year to provide a Christ-centered experience.



## Ponderings from the president

### It's no joke

**A**pril Fool's Day is dreaded by some and anticipated by many. Practical jokes can be funny, especially when the joke is on others. In April 1994 *PC Computing* reported that the U.S. Congress—taking special notice of the term “information superhighway”—was considering a bill making it illegal to surf the web while under the influence of alcohol. “Congress apparently thinks being drunk on a highway is bad,” the magazine stated, “no matter what kind of highway it is.” Irate Internet users flooded Washington with angry calls, causing politicians to deny the report officially.

In 2000 an investment newsletter announced the discovery of William Shakespeare's investment portfolio, which had been earning dividends and interest since his death in 1616. Apparently the bard had invested the equivalent of \$100 in 1585 and

earned 6 percent interest per year. Current value of the portfolio? An estimated \$18.7 billion.

True? False! Wrong! Hoaxes and practical jokes all!

Many say Jesus' resurrection from the dead was one of the most elaborate practical jokes of all time. “He didn't come back to life—the disciples simply removed His body,” say some. “He was drugged and later revived in the tomb,” say others.

But we say, along with the apostle Paul: “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:17, 20-22 ESV).

No practical joke here! It's simply the love of our gracious God in action for our salvation and eternal life.

Rev. Thomas Prachar

## Oldest city congregation welcomes new pastor



(back, l-r) Revs. Jim Fritsche (Beautiful Savior, Winnipeg), Rod Buck (Saint James, Winnipeg), Jim Scholz (Church of the Redeemer, Winnipeg), Richard Kruesel (Holy Cross, Winnipeg), District President Tom Prachar; (middle, l-r) Revs. Brad Schollenberg (Peace, Winnipeg), Artem Litvinov (Grace, Beausejour), Alex Klages (Zion, Morden/Trinity, Winkler); (front, l-r) Revs. Karl Koslowky (emeritus, Winnipeg), Richard Beinert (newly installed at Immanuel, Winnipeg), Dale Mohr (emeritus, Winnipeg), LCC President Robert Bugbee.

**WINNIPEG** - Rev. Richard Beinert became pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday, March 1. Central District president, Rev. Tom Prachar performed the installation; emeritus

pastors Rev. Karl Koslowsky preached and Rev. Dale Mohr led the liturgy. Other area pastors read lessons and helped with the service.

## Special day in Springside



(l-r) Patrick, Megan and Vicar Daniel Larson with grandparents Rev. John Larson (holding new baby Brennen) and Marilyn Larson, at Brennen's baptism.

**SPRINGSIDE, SASK.** - Brennen Russell Larson, born February 3 to Megan and LCC Vicar Daniel Larson, was baptized by his grandfather, Rev.

John Larson (LCMS, Colorado), on February 15 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

## Congregation to celebrate June centennial

**CUPAR, Sask.** - "A precious cornerstone for a sure foundation" (Isaiah 28:16) sets the theme as St. Paul Lutheran Church plans to celebrate 100 years of God's grace with a special program June 21.

The day will begin with worship at 11 a.m. with a banquet to follow at Cupar Town Hall. Order tickets for the banquet (adults, \$8; ages 12 and under, \$4) before June 1 from the church at Box 427, Cupar, SK S0G 0Y0. For more information call Debby at 306-723-4711.

## Coming events

**May 15-23** - Lutheran Lay Enrichment School, Luther College, Regina

**May 17** - 100th Anniversary, Emmanuel, Southey, Saskatchewan

**June 7** - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Emmanuel, Moose Jaw, Sask.

**June 21** - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, St. Paul, Cupar, Sask.

**June 22-24** - Preaching Retreat, Lumsden, Sask.

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