

# The Evangel

E M M A N U E L L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- From the Pen of the Pastor
- Movies on the Lawn
- Walk for the Cure
- Literary Light-house



*May*  
**REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
8:45AM—Praise Service  
9:45am—Sunday School  
11:00am—Worship Service



**THIS ISSUE OF THE EVANGEL IS A SPECIAL SALUTE TO THE MOTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION.**

# FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR



**Pastor Beverly  
Interim Pastor**

The month of Mother's Day always brings our mothers to mind. I, too, think of my mother and remember the good times. It seems that the bad times are fading (if they ever existed). I remember particular things, especially her apron, her perfume. I remember the thundercloud her face became when we misbehaved and I remember how quickly she moved to protect us when she thought we were in trouble.. When I was a little girl, my grandmother told me that every woman in our family had hands just like her own. She told me how her own grandmother-washed on a wash board and used an ax to chop wood. She told me how she herself used her hands to feed her family during the depression. She said she had a business that thrived even in a depression or maybe because of it: a tavern. Later, she became a nurse. Every woman in our family, she told me, becomes a nurse. She used her hands to heal. It is no

wonder to me that as my mother became sicker and sicker, I watched her hands. More than anything, I remember my mother's hands.

I don't remember when she first touched me, but I know that because I welcomed her touch, it was gentle. She must have fed me as a baby because I grew and thrived. Her hands administered the bitter medicine when I was sick. And because it was her hand that delivered it, I opened my mouth and took it. As I got older, I remember my mother cutting cabbage and seasoning chicken to fry. We watched in anticipation as she twisted the dough for the cinnamon rolls she made for us. I remember her twisting the cloth as her hand guided it through the roller of the old washing machine. I remember her wiping the tears and applying mercurochrome on wounded knees. Every Easter, her hands would dress my hair in the most beautiful styles. I remember her hands reaching for the Royal Crown hairdressing (anybody remember that?). And I remember the brown paper bags that her hands would twist into long brown rollers that would produce the myriad curls we called "baby doll curls."

On her knees, with pins in her mouth, my mother's hands would turn up the hem of the dress she was sewing and pin it so that it would be the perfect length. Later, her hands would rip the hem to create a longer skirt because she could not afford a new dress. And her hands would wipe tears when she did not have the money for school lunch day.

As she aged, my mother's lovely hands became stubby and knarled as hard working hands will. But they would always be lovely to me. They would always remind me of gentleness and love. They were blessed hands. When my daughter was born, I looked at her hands and saw my grandmother's and my mother's and my hands. I prayed that God would grace me with hands that would bless just like theirs did. I hope that that will be a pleasant memory for my own daughter. I will never forget my mother's hands. I hope my daughter will never forget mine.



## Walk for the Cure!

Hello Emmanuel Family

I have decided to take on a personal challenge and participate in the Susan G. Komen 3-day Walk for the Cure and help raise money to fight breast cancer. This decision was made because I felt God leading me and encouraging me to do this. For a congregation of our size, the Emmanuel Family has been disproportionately affected by breast cancer. We are blessed to have many survivors, but I know we were all very saddened and moved by the passing of Tracie Johnson McNabb. To lose a young wife and mother to this disease is especially hard to take.

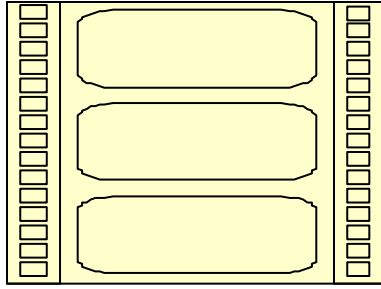
I want to dedicate my walk to the Emmanuel Family and extended families that have been affected by this terrible disease. So I am asking if you have names of family and friends, something you would like to write, a picture, poem, etc., I will put that information on my fund raising page. All of the walkers are required to raise \$2,300 by the date of the Atlanta walk, which is October 21-23, 2011, so I would appreciate your financial support as well.

I have a lot of training to do between now and then so I will be able to walk 60 miles in three days. I will keep you all informed of my progress. When you see me please pat me on the back and tell me to hang in there that I can do it. Doing this has to be a lot easier than dealing with breast cancer. Thanks in advance for your support.

If you would like to make a donation, go to [www.The3Day.org](http://www.The3Day.org) <<http://www.The3Day.org>> . On the right side of the home page is a pink tab, "Donate to a Participant". Click that link and type in my name to get to my personal donation page. Thanks in advance for your support.

Sandra J Wills





## Emmanuel Announces 2011 Music & Movies on the Lawn

...and this time YOU get to vote for the movie! Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Movies on the Lawn to be held at sundown on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. This family friendly event will feature refreshments, entertainment and a recently released movie that everyone will want to see. If you'd like to contribute time, talent or treasure to the event please contact Donna at 404 805 9473 or [Donna@DonnaLWise@Comcast.net](mailto:Donna@DonnaLWise@Comcast.net). We need all the help we can get.

**Win a great prize!!** Help us choose our Movies on the Lawn PG or PG13 movie by clicking on this link and casting your vote. Everyone who votes will be entered to win chocolate covered strawberries from Schakolad. Feel free to pass this onto your friends and family. **Vote Now!** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VSSZSCJ>

**A heartfelt thank you and shout out goes to our first movie sponsors:**

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- Atlanta PlanIt
- GNC on Cascade
- Schakolad Chocolate Factory
- PakMail on Cascade
- Papa John's Pizza

See you at the movies!!

Thank You,  
The Movies on the Lawn Committee

## CALLING THE NEW PASTOR

The calling of a new Pastor for Emmanuel is going well. The Emmanuel Ministry Site Profile (MSP) was submitted to the Southeastern Synod on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This comprehensive profile contains a history of our ministry programs, demographics, finances, gifts, mission and our leadership needs. This document will be used by the Synod to refer prospective candidates for consideration as well as by candidates seeking the call. A copy of the Ministry Site Profile is located in the church office or from members of the call committee should members desire to review it.

The synod has provided a list of four prospective candidates for our consideration. The Call Committee has developed a screening and interview plan. Interviews have been scheduled for June 4, 2011. When a prospective candidate is identified, the Call Committee will refer the name (s) to the Church Council for approval and recommendation to the congregation. Due to confidentiality requirements, only the name(s) of the candidate(s) referred for the call will be provided to the congregation.

We solicit your prayers, support and understanding during this important process while we seek a new Pastor. If you have questions regarding the process, you may contact members of the Call Committee which are: Robin El Torro, John Gibson, Alice Hamilton, Pamela Williams, Reuben Wilson and Nancy Hall-White.

### The Call Committee





## Literary Lighthouse

This is a poem in honor of Mother's Day

### Her Hands

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Her hands held me gently from the day I took my first breath.  
Her hands helped to guide me as I took my first step.  
Her hands held me close when the tears would start to fall.  
Her hands were quick to show me that she would take care of it all.

Her hands were there to brush my hair, or straighten a wayward bow.  
Her hands were often there to comfort the hurts that didn't always show.  
Her hands helped hold the stars in place, and encouraged me to reach.  
Her hands would clap and cheer and praise when I captured them at length.

Her hands would also push me, though not down or in harms way.  
Her hands would punctuate the words, just do what I say.  
Her hands sometimes had to discipline, to help bend this young tree.  
Her hands would shape and mold me into all she knew I could be.

Her hands are now twisting with age and years of work,  
Her hand now needs my gentle touch to rub away the hurt.  
Her hands are more beautiful than anything can be.  
Her hands are the reason I am me.

Read more: [Her Hands, Mother Poems and Stories http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/family/poetry.asp?poem=1966#ixzz1O1WIVsu8](http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/family/poetry.asp?poem=1966#ixzz1O1WIVsu8)



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church Calendar of Events and Activities May 2011

Praise Choir Rehearsals—Wednesdays at 6:15p  
Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals— Wednesdays at 7:00p



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Regular Worship schedule						
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
Joint Worship service						

Congratulations to the following members and friends who are celebrating birthdays during the month of May.

- 3—Curtis Briscoe
- 4—Charles McKay
- 6—Margaret Elizabeth Hall
- 7—Stephanie Patten
- 8—Pelham C. Williams
- 9—Erick Hamilton
- 9—Sylvia Baldowski
- 13—Curtis Anthony
- 17—Susan Hamilton
- 18—William Pasch
- 19—Muriel Williams
- 19—Marian P. Davis
- 19—Major Childress
- 21—Brent McClendon
- 21—Glen Johnson
- 22—Isaac Samuelson
- 22—Renita Thompson
- 29— Nicole Gordon
- 30—Kimberly Anthony



*If your name or the name of a family member  
is not included in the May birthday list,  
please notify the church office.*

## May Worship Leaders

### 1st Sunday (May 1)

11:00am

Ushers: Brock Brockington, Gail Robinson

Assisting Minister: Christine Davis

Acolytes: Justin Robinson, Steven Patten

### 2nd Sunday (May 8)

11:00am

Ushers: Edna Nicks, Alvoyd Nicks

Assisting Minister: David Kapple

Acolytes: Udy Obot, Rufaro Moyo

### 3rd Sunday (May 15)

11:00am

Ushers: Glen Johnson, Brock Brockington

Assisting Minister: James McCoy

Acolytes: Baili Wise, Kara Wise

### 4th Sunday (May 22)

11:00am

Ushers: Cliff Baldowski, Willis Culpepper

Assisting Minister: Danielle Dunlap

Acolytes: Brittany Southall, Narchadille Southall

### 5th Sunday (May 22)

10:00am

Youth Service

Ushers: TBA

Assisting Minister: TBA

Acolytes: TBA

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Directions: Emmanuel is located approximately one mile inside I-285 near the I-285/Cascade Road exit on the corner of Cascade Road and Adams Drive.