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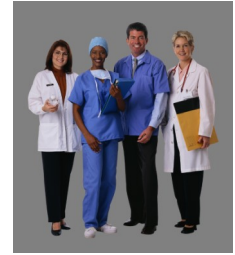
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Emmanuel Lutheran Church



The History of Labor Day

Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment.

From the Pen of the Pastor



Wouldn't it be wonderful to live in a world where everyone was concerned for everyone else? It may not mean the solution to your problems, but it may prevent deliberate mistreatment. And besides, it would just be nice to know that somebody cares. Well, that is what Labor Day is all about. You see, in 1894, Pullman porters, workers for the Pullman train company, went on strike in the Haymarket in Chicago. The economic panic (yes, they had them then too) meant an increase in work, often sixteen hours a day, but a decrease in pay for these middle class workers and so, they went on strike. The sad thing is that the federal government had no sympathy for the plight of these workers. Their labor union proved ineffective and strike breakers were hired to replace the workers. It was a turbulent time and the working class man was deemed irrelevant compared to the premise of a capitalist government. Now, you and I live and most of us thrive in a capitalist society, but is there a time when society cares a lit-

tle about the cares of the "everyman and everywoman?" Well, not this time. The strike escalated into rioting. The strike was busted and the rioting stopped when then President Grover Cleveland sent 12,000 federal troops in to the city. There was loss of life, several injuries and an overwhelming amount of property lost. In an attempt at compromise between the government and labor after the riots, congress pushed through a bill to celebrate labor with a show of appreciation for the working man and woman. It would be called Labor Day; the bill would pass six days after the Haymarket riots. Labor Day would be the first Monday in September and it would show the appreciation the country and its leaders had for trade and labor organizations highlighting their strengths and their contribution to the United States economy. It would be a day of rest as well as a day of carefree fun, fireworks and food..

I wonder how different labor relations would be if we all loved and cared for each other so much that we would not abuse each other in our quest for wealth. I wonder what it would mean if the working man respected the rights and property of the more wealthy members of our society. Suppose we really loved and valued each other? Would there be a need to cele-

brate a day for workers to rest from their labors?

Jesus invites us to come to him all that labor and those with heavy burdens. The yoke of humankind is heavy and burdensome. We have to set aside a day to be reminded that our work is valuable and that all workers have worth. But the yoke of Christ is easy. It teaches love and care, respect and support. There are burdens to be carried in this world, but Christ offers us rest for our souls and I believe that a restful soul contributes to a restful body.

On this Labor Day, as we celebrate and rest from our labors, let us be mindful of the rest Christ offers from all our labors. The voice of Jesus says, "Come unto me and rest." I found in Him a resting place and Christ has made me glad.



News to Share

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Beverly will be on vacation September 1st through September 6th. If there is an administrative emergency, contact the church office. Dr. McCoy will bring the message on Sunday, September 4. Contact Pastor Miller for pastoral emergencies.

Thanks—August Birthday Club

Thanks to the August birthday club for hosting coffee hour on August 28th. A special thanks to Maud Parker for coordinating the event.

Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals

Emmanuel Church Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 7 at 7pm. If you have any questions, contact Bill Pasch.

Bible Study Resumes

Bible Study resumed on August 4th. We meet each Thursday at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic is "Women in the Bible Study: Given Voice." Everyone is invited.

Caregivers Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group meditation speaker for September is out of the country and will not return until later; therefore, Dr. McCoy will be our speaker for September 11, 2011 at 10:00am. Caregivers and their patients/love ones are urged to attend this special meeting. The meditation workshop will be October 9, 2011 unless a change is made. Rose Lewis

LutherRanch Contribution

Please remember that Emmanuel's \$9,000 total LutherRanch contribution is due by December 31, 2011. When making the contribution, be sure to indicate "LutherRanch" in the note section on your check. **Our LutherRanch balance is now \$3,332.00.**

Coming Events

Fall Festival - October 22, 2011

The History of Labor Day cont'd from page 1

By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

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Hello Emmanuel

The Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure event is coming up soon. I think most people know, but in case you didn't, I am participating in this year's walk for the first time. The 60 mile walk takes place from Friday, October 21st through Sunday, October 23rd. This is going to be quite a challenge and I hope that I will be up for it. I am training for this event, but I really need to push harder. The event is only two months away.



My fundraising is going well. Each participant has to raise \$2,300. So far I have raised \$1,045 so I am just under half way. Thanks so much to those who have made a contribution. If anyone else would like to make a contribution, you can give me a check made out to "Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure" or you can contribute online. Go to www.the3day.org and click on the "Donate to a Participant" button on the right side of the page. Then search for my name, Sandra Wills. Any donations that you make online will be credited to my fund raising efforts.

I also ask for your prayers and support Emmanuel. So many people in our Emmanuel family and extended families have been affected by breast cancer. I want to do what I can to make a difference. In addition, this is going to be a personal challenge for me. Once I accomplish this I believe it will give me the incentive to accomplish other goals and challenges in my life that seem too huge to tackle. If people affected by this disease can endure what they must to fight it, and many times win, surely I can endure a long (really long) walk.

Thank you, Emmanuel
Sandra Wills



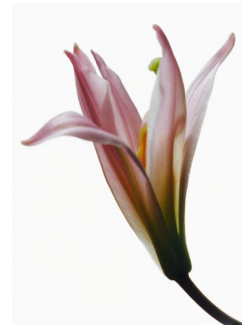
WOE Meeting

All women in Emmanuel are invited to attend the next meeting of the Women of Emmanuel Wednesday, September 7th, 2011 at 6:30pm in the classroom area in the rear of the church. Your voice is needed as we plan events and activities for the remainder of 2011 and all of 2012.

Also the Thursday Bible Study is a wonderful opportunity for the women to come together as we study the women of the bible. Women who pray, study and fellowship together become a mighty force in the Kingdom of God.

For more info on the Women of Emmanuel contact Jacqui El Torro at 404.452.5354 or

jacquieltorro@yahoo.com.



Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- 1st Wednesday at 6pm—Women of Emmanuel
- 2nd Tuesday at 7pm—Executive Committee Meeting
- 2nd Thursday at 7pm—Finance Committee Meeting
- 3rd Tuesday at 7pm—Church Council Meeting

September Worship Leaders

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolytes
September 4	Christine Davis	Brock Brockington, Gail Robinson	Justin Robinson, Steven Patten
September 11	David Kapple	Edna Nicks, Alvyod Nicks	Udy Obot, Rufaro Moyo
September 18	Nancy Hall-White	Glen Johnson, Brock Brockington	Baili Wise, Kara Wise
September 25	Carole Johnson	Cliff Baldowski, Willis Culpepper	Brittany Southall, Narchadille Southall

September 2011 Worship Schedule

September 4—Labor Day Weekend

*Sunday School at 9:00am
Combined worship service at 10:00am*

September 11 and 18

*Regular worship schedule
8:45a—Praise Service
9:45a—Sunday School
11:00a—Traditional Service*

September 25

*WELCA Sunday
9:00a—Sunday School
10:00a—Combined worship service*

Happy Birthday September Celebrants

- 1 - Jason Marshall Roberts
- 9 - David Gay
- 9 - Aloma McKay
- 10 - Veronica Miller
- 11 - Celeste Patten
- 17 - Gerald Yerby
- 22 - Patricia Williams
- 24 - Sandra Wills
- 30 - Muriel Parker-Evans





Emmanuel Lutheran Church Calendar of Events and Activities September 2011

Praise Choir Rehearsals—Wednesdays at 6:30p

**Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals— Resume
Wednesday after Labor Day**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7p Bible Study	2	3
4 9:00a Sunday School 10a Combined Service	5 <i>Labor Day Holiday</i> 	6	7 6p WOE Monthly Meeting	8 7p Bible Study	9	10
11 8:45 am Praise Service 9:45a Sunday School 11a Traditional Service	12	13 7p Executive Comm. Meeting	14	15 7p Finance Comm. Meeting 7p Bible Study	16	17
18 8:45 am Praise Service 9:45a Sunday School 11a Traditional Service	19	20 7p Church Council Meeting	21	22 7p Bible Study	23	24
25 <i>WELCA Sunday</i> 9a Sunday School 10a Combined worship	26	27	28	29 7p Bible Study	30	

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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.