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Pastor's Article

My article this month is an article from Engage, a magazine of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. There are some back issues of Engage in the fellowship hall if you'd like to see the entire magazine. Contact Pastor to subscribe to Engage for free.

Story by Pamela J. Nielsen and Kevin Armbrust | Summer 2018

"The hurricane changed the life of everyone here. They know they are vulnerable," said William Torres, a lay evangelist for the Lutheran church in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, who is helping to coordinate the disaster response. "Being a native Puerto Rican, I know the need of the city and of the country."

Hurricanes Irma and Maria hit Puerto Rico in the fall of 2017, devastating the island and leaving its residents without power and in grave need of assistance. "When the hurricane happened, a lot of water entered into the house through the windows, through the roof. The roof opened up in places. A lot of branches came down. A lot of garbage was carried along in the water along the streets, around the area here," remembered Sylvia Gonzalez.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) responded quickly through LCMS Disaster Response and the work of LCMS missionaries in the region. "The Lutheran church was the first organization that gave help in this community," said Gonzalez, who lives on the western side of the island in Mayaguez, where Principe de Paz (Prince of Peace) Lutheran Church is located. "When I heard they were offering food, I went there and received the donation of food right away."

The chaos created by the storms was met with mercy and compassion. As in most situations, the immediate needs of food, water and shelter were addressed. And with that work, God's love was not just lived out, but proclaimed. "When we talk with the people, we said it is not just food for the body, but it is just the Gospel, saying important things for this life and for eternal life," said the Rev. Arturo Gustavo Maita, pastor of Principe de Paz. "So, it is important to see Christ — not just the food, but also the work of Christ."

Maita, who is a native of Venezuela, recently arrived in Puerto Rico after completing his vicarage in the Dominican Republic. He was installed at Principe de Paz and is already hard at work bringing Christ's mercy and the message of God's love to the people of Mayaguez.

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Daughters of Emmanuel: The DOE's will be having their annual Family Potluck on Monday, August 6th at the shelter house at speaker park at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in joining DOE's bring your family and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

Emmanuel LWML groups will begin meetings again in September.



Ice Cream Social

Make plans now to attend the Ice Cream Social and Game Night on Sunday, September 16 at 5:30.



Lakeside Service

This month's Lakeside Services will be held on August 18th, at 5:30 PM. Bring your friends and your lawn chairs to hear God's word at the lake.



The Board of Christian Education will meet after service on Sunday, August 12th.



Mark Your Calendar!!! The Annual Staley's Chicken Dinner will be held Sunday, August 26th. Work and food lists will be available soon.



Hello everyone! I hope you all are enjoying a wonderful summer - relaxing with family and friends, making memories. I know it seems impossible, but school is not that far off. And that means a return to Sunday School for us here at Emmanuel. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful teachers, but the truth is, they could use a

bit of a break. We are looking for some volunteers for Sunday School teachers this year. You do not have to volunteer every week, or even every other. Some teachers would welcome a once a month break, some teachers would like to return to team-teaching (with a rotation of every 2 or 3 or even 4 weeks). The materials provided are so user friendly and we have a great group of kids! You do not need any special training - in fact, the only requirements are a love of kids and a love of God. You have those 2 things, you are qualified to teach! And it's not just for women!!! Men, you have so much to offer and our children really need to see our men being involved in this aspect of our Christian Education. I would ask that each of you prayerfully consider assisting this year. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Jennifer Peterson. Thank you!!

Help Wanted: Along the lines of Sunday School, we are once again searching for a Sunday School Superintendent. This job is not complicated at all. It basically involves keeping track of our teachers (locating substitutes if needed), making sure each class has their supplies & materials, sending out notes for special days (like singing by the children's choir or Christmas program practices), things like that. It doesn't require a huge time investment. Pastor and I will be available to assist as well. Please prayerfully consider filling this important position for our Christian Education area. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor or Jennifer. Thank you again!!

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Eight months after the storms struck, Maita looks around and sees people struggling daily. "Everybody is suffering a lot. They need food. They need spiritual care. They need cash money," he said. He notes that it isn't always easy to provide care for them due to governmental and other restrictions, but the effort is worth it. "Being a pastor is like being Jesus' hands and Jesus' feet, helping people and preaching the Gospel for eternal life. It is really good to say to the people, 'Jesus loves you, and you can come to the church and celebrate the new life in Christ.'"

The Rev. Charles St-Onge, area facilitator for LCMS mission work in the Caribbean, sees the present work bearing fruit, as well as the potential for ongoing outreach. "The Gospel is flourishing — mercy has provided a way to present the Gospel to people who otherwise would not have cared."

In both Mayaguez and Ponce, where a new Lutheran congregation began in February 2018, mercy work has and continues to connect people to the church, where they hear God's Word.

This work involves local officials and the community. St-Onge notes that as LCMS missionaries and relief workers continue to provide aid, "the community leaders are very aware and grateful for the Lutheran church. Through the mercy work connected with the Word of God, the community is aware of the Lutheran church as a church who cares, who has mercy and who proclaims the Word." Even as bags of food and other staples continue to be distributed weekly in Mayaguez and Ponce, the team is organizing to repair damaged roofs and homes in both communities, all while proclaiming the Gospel.

In Ponce, Missionary Pastor Richard Schuller describes how he is working to bring Christ to people in a downtown storefront. "We've tried a lot of different things. First we started in a park in the gazebo, providing activities alongside teaching the Six Chief Parts [of Luther's Small Catechism] and giving away Bibles," he said. "We are reaching out where they are. We offer Bible studies in the mall, in a nursing home, wherever people are gathered, that is our goal."

As part of the ongoing work in Puerto Rico, the missionaries are working to open a third congregation. And now a mercy center, called the CARD — Casa de Amparo y Respuesta a Desastre — is open next to the church in Mayaguez. The building formerly belonged to the Amparo family, and it is still known as such in the community. This apt name (*amparo* means "protection" in Spanish) was retained in the name of the facility, since the goal is for this to be a place where the community comes to look for mercy and help, both physical and spiritual.

It is easy to think about a disaster like this on a grand scale. The number of people affected is staggering. Yet the Word is proclaimed to individuals, and God works to bring each of His children into His Church. Gonzalez is one such person. She was drawn to the Lutheran church through the love she witnessed there. "When I entered the church, I met people who offered so much help and love, which drew me in and I wanted to help as well," said Gonzalez. "Everybody was in need during that time, and I saw that they gave the help without selection, without choosing who was most deserving ... they gave to all."

But there was more. "I was drawn by the doctrine of the Lutheran Church," she said. "I took classes with [Pastor] Gustavo [Maita]. I also learned from the Small Catechism in classes at the church."

Sometimes God allows us to see the fruits of our labor and the blessings of His Kingdom. In April, a group of congregation members, missionaries and other workers gathered to witness Gonzalez's confirmation. God's faithfulness and provision were manifest in His gracious gifts given again. "When I received the Holy Supper for the first time as a communicant member, I was struck by the fact of the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for my sins," Gonzalez said.

The storms created chaos and changed everything. And through that, God is working to create community around His Word and Sacraments through acts of mercy.



Family Potluck

Make plans now to join us for our 2nd Annual Family Potluck. August 5th at 5:00 PM in the Speaker Park Shelter House. Join us for wonderful food and fellowship.

Happy Birthday To You !!!

August 2018



8- 1 Tami Werkmeister
Nick Mauer

8-15 Bradley Garrels

8-2 Phyllis Brus

8-16 Jim Keefe

John Swenson

8-4 Robert Bengtson

8-17 Twila Cleveland

Wes Drost

8-19 Andy Boeckman

Roger Pieken

8-21 Kayla Mohr

Jenny Stock

Ethan Peters

8-23 Judy Kramer

Kolter Mork

Kenna Mork

8-24 Mark Rix

8-5 Sandy Boeckman

8-25 Jim Wallace
Jim Carroll

8- 7 Delores Lucht

8-27 Lannie Miller

8-8 Cole Frank

8-28 Bret Schoon

8- 9 Brad Leitz

8-29 Phyllis Leitz

Susan Eneboe

Nathan Peters

8-11 Eldred Lietz

8-13 Jake Frye



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION 5:00 PM 2nd Annual Family Potluck	6 6:30 PM DOE's Family Potluck	7 7:00 PM Evange- lism Committee Meeting	8 7:00 PM Council Meeting	9	10	11
12 9:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 AM Board of Ed Meeting	13	14	15 7:00 PM LYF	16	17	18 5:30 PM Lakeside Service
19 9:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION 6:30 PM Confirma- tion Orientation	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 AM Worship w/ HOLY COMMUNION 11:00-1:00 Annual Staley's Chicken Dinner	27	28	29 3:30 PM Confirmation Begins	30	31	

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Tom & Julie Reaman
Bob & Waunita Tegels
Jennifer Peterson & Janet Langbein

Acolytes
August 5: Alex Hauser & Chayse Strouse
August 12: Brody Boeckman & Gunnar Stock
August 19: Weston Drost

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Emmanuel's Values Jesus Christ, our Savior, leader and teacher has bonded these values to guide us ever forward in expanding God's kingdom to all people. Therefore these values are the foundation and future of Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

- **God's Vision** – Discipling that all people may be saved (Matthew 28:18-20)
- **God's Grace** – A gift to all from Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8-9)
- **Prayer & Praise** – We honor God through prayer and praise (Philippians 4:4-7)
- **Stewardship** – Using the time, talents, and treasures God has given us to serve Him (Matthew 25:14-28)
- **People** – We are committed to the Christian Education and Spiritual growth of all (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- **Compassion** – Sharing a life of care, concern, love, and kindness for all (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

The following are stations and times for the Lutheran Hour:

KTLB	Fort Dodge	105.9 FM	Sun	8:00 A.M.
KJYL	Newell	96.3 FM	Sun	6:00 P.M.
KSCJ	Sioux City	1360 AM	Sun	8:30 A.M.
KICD	Spencer	1240 AM	Sun	10:30 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	Sun	10:00 A.M.

*You can also listen to the Good Shepherd Hour each **Sunday**.*

KSCI	Sioux City	1360 AM	8:00 A.M.
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 AM	10:30 A.M.
	Storm Lake	101.7 FM	10:30 A.M.
KVFD	Fort Dodge	1400 AM	8:00 A.M.

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