

# THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMMANUEL

May 3, 2009 - Fourth Sunday in Easter



## SUNDAY'S GOSPEL, JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER STUFF



Roll up your sleeves after church...it's time for a little spring cleaning. There's a job for everyone, inside or outside...washing windows, cutting back bushes, dusting. Whatever you think needs doing, this will be your opportunity to just do it.

Our next Youth Service will be on Mother's Day, May 10. The following Youth Service will fall on June 14, the day that Bishop Laura will be visiting us. Leslie would like to meet with all children and youth leaders on May 31 and June 7 to talk about the bishop, her role and do some fun "bishopy" or "episcopal" activities. We'll gather during the first half of the church service.

The Cluster Council will meet next on May 5 at Emmanuel.



The spring concert is all set for Sunday, June 28 at 4 p.m. Paul Jordan (organ) and Xilin Feng (violin and viola) will perform *The Choral Fantasy* on the ancient chant *In the Midst of Life* by Ludwig Lenel, who studied with Alvert Schweitzer. He composed this rarely performed piece in the early 40s, on the eve of WWII. They'll also perform select Baroque pieces and 20th Century American pieces, including one by Moondog. Admission is \$15, students \$10, and children free. See Rosemarie for more information.



There's a lot of concern about the swine flu. Everyone's been told the obvious: wash hands often, cover mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing, and try to stay away from people who are sick. There's plenty of information on the internet.

As for church, the Diocese recommends that people with symptoms and those with physical conditions that put them at risk should stay home. Although many people will still want to exchange the Peace, make it okay for people to keep their distance and use other gestures. When using a common cup, you may want to use extra precautions. Note that several studies have shown a greater risk from intinction, because fingers get dipped in the wine.

Here are links to more information: Episcopal Relief and Development (resources from various sources including US Government) and Centers for Disease Control. Regarding the common cup, you might want to read these articles: [http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/images/up-1SARS\\_summary\\_report.pdf](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/images/up-1SARS_summary_report.pdf) and <http://kotaraang.angelfire.com/Sharing.pdf>

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