



2020

The Journey

Newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Goodbyes are difficult – especially when saying goodbye to people that mean so much to us. We have been so blessed to serve as your interim pastors! Although we will soon be far away, you will always be in our hearts and prayers.

In Acts 20:32 Paul says goodbye to the people of Ephesus. He says: “And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified.” Amidst the sadness of goodbyes, we see Paul equipping the Ephesians for continuing their ministry. Paul prays for God to care and provide for them. He also entrusts them with the gospel message – a message of saving love and grace that comes from Christ. Paul entrusts the Ephesians with this gospel message because he knows that proclaiming it (and living it out) will build them up, give them hope, and empower them for living as God’s beloved children. He knows they are willing and able to share God’s love in thought, word, and deed, and to let it shape their whole lives.

In a similar way, the Holy Spirit speaks to each of you at Emmanuel. As we leave, we pray for God to provide and direct you in mission, ministry, and in calling a new pastor. May the Holy Spirit empower and guide you as you go through the call process. Know that we will be praying that God may provide the pastor who will walk with you and guide you in the years to come. We also commend to you the gospel message of Christ. Hold fast to the faith. God is with you and God is molding you as a congregation and as individuals to be apostles who proclaim the salvation of Christ through acts of love. We also commend to you the gospel as you let it shape your lives and to carry it into the world. And know that God is leading us all into a wonderful new future immersed in the grace that comes from Christ Jesus!

Peace,

Pastor Josh and Pastor Mary



A new year often brings new hopes, resolutions, goals and beginnings. Ask God for strength and perseverance to meet the challenges of new and unfamiliar endeavors, and shout praise for God’s forgiveness and love that renews us and frees us to get up, learn and begin again when we stumble or fail.

Epiphany of Our Lord God’s purpose and redemptive work are revealed in the light of Jesus Christ to all humankind. Pray our hearts and minds are receptive to better understanding – through faith in Christ – the mystery of God’s boundless grace, wisdom and power.

Sometimes God’s word and voice can be loud and majestic and shake all of creation. Pray we recognize God’s voice in daily life and give thanks for how it strengthens us and gives us peace.

Give thanks and praise to God for the comfort, order and hope God brings to our lives, especially in times of uncertainty, conflict, discouragement and what may seem like chaos.

Give thanks to God for people who mentor us in our faith, daily life and work and have helped us grow and mature through the sharing of their gifts, wisdom, life experiences and faith.

Pray God continues to influence our lives and guide us through the teaching and example of prophets, teachers, leaders and Scripture and that we have the wisdom to discern what is true and flows from the word of God.

“**Christ In Our Home**” devotion booklet for January, February, and March is available in the narthex. Remember to pick up yours today.

Fresh Bread

At this time there is no scheduled meeting for Fresh Bread in January. Stay tuned to Thursday Reminders for the next get together!



The church office will be closed Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. day.



Item-of-the-Month: January—Peanut Butter and Jelly and deodorant. Let’s fill the cart in the narthex!

Please remember to pick up your 2020 giving envelopes in the narthex.

The individual financial statements of giving for 2019 will be available by the end of January 2020.



Weather cancellations will be announced on WXII Channel 12, www.wxii12.com, Fox8 News, and on our Facebook Page.

2020 Council and Call Committee

Council members for 2020 and Call Committee members will be installed at worship on Sunday, January 12th. New members are Pat Duff, Greg Evans, Kathie Petry, and Marlen Ambwa.

Please keep Council in your prayers as they begin this new year. Council minutes are available in the church office, and individuals can come to council meetings but need to give prior notice.

Sunday Servants

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Assisting Minister	Mary Kay Erdin	Catherine Hughes	Bonnie Faust	Amy Hamilton
Crucifer	Indigo Weaver	Justin Kuethe	Nelson Joseph	Mimi Banglo
Acolytes	Julian Weaver	Aluel Adichol	Wilson Joseph	Heather Lynn Hamilton
Prayer of Day	Adut Adichol	Julian Weaver		Carson Kuethe
Reader	Bonnie Faust	Eileen Roberts		
Communion Preparer	Sue Smotherman	Erika Kuethe	Gerry Ewaldsen	Shelly Fullwood
Altar Guild				
Counters	Anita Bowman Jonathan Teich	Jim Allen Kathie Petry	Gary Biesecker Debbie Echols	Scott Lambeth Mickey Walker
Council Person				

If you are willing to serve as a reader, sign-up sheets are by the church office.

Albert Arimetea	01/01	Beverly Clemmer	01/17
Wayne Duff	01/01	Pat Duff	01/17
Samuel Joseph	01/01	Emberlynn Moxley	01/17
Flora Wani	01/01	Kendall Guy	01/21
Jackie Kollros	01/02	Famela Jada	01/21
Rev. Linda Faltin	01/03	Ken Clayton	01/24
Cece Biesecker	01/05	Becky Roberts	01/24
Harold Hudson	01/05	Mimi Banglo	01/24
Pete Roberts	01/06	Leslie Duffy	01/27
Jennie Bowman	01/13	Lee Harbinson	01/30
Greg Leeman	01/15	Jennie Hearne	01/30
Bob Erdin	01/16	Sisilia Joseph	01/31



We apologize if we missed your birthday! Please let us know and we will update our files.

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of

Monty Simpson

Given by Gary & Vivian Biesecker, Ford & Gerry Ewaldsen, and Virginia Thomas.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth 11:45 First Sunday Fellowship	6 5:00 Open Door	7 9:00 MSP Task Group Mtg	8 1:30 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	9	10 8:30 Breakfast Bunch	11
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It has been a wonderful year at Emmanuel. We are so deeply grateful to work with such faithful people.

Please accept our thanks for the generous love gifts we received from you this Christmas.

Geneva Ford Jackie Jeanine

Amy Pastor Mary & Pastor Josh

Knitwits



A large box collected from our Warming Tree was donated to the Boy's and Girl's Club. This included bought items and also knitted and crocheted hats and scarves

from our Emmanuel Knitters.

Thank you for donations made to keep children and adults warm this winter.

Have you ever wondered?

WHO STARTED Emmanuel's BREAKFAST BUNCH gathering AND WHEN?

In 1964, Jodie Monroe and Lorena Beck began meeting at the Golden B Restaurant on Church Street in High Point. Gradually more folks joined them every Friday morning at 8 o'clock "ish" until....to eat, and a lot of just talking and visiting with each other. You always felt better afterwards when you left.

Next they began to meet at Gordy's on N.Main St. until it closed several years ago. And, now every Friday morning, there are over a dozen and sometimes more people who greet each other over hot coffee and a country breakfast at Carter's BBQ, on Samet Dr., just off Hwy. 68 N.

It was also Jodie who picked the 1800's Thanksgiving Prayer (by Ralph Waldo Emerson) that we pray together.

Come and join us any Friday for food, fellowship and plenty of laughter at 8 o'clock "ish" until...

Lots of Emmanuel folks have joined hands this past half a century - thankful for being together. Do we miss them and remember them? You bet we do, fondly.

Our prayer:

For each new morning with its light,

For rest and shelter of the night,

For health and food, for love and friends,

And everything thy goodness sends,

Father in heaven, we thank thee.

Amen.

Directory—A new directory with updated member information will be available for pickup on Sunday, January 12th. Last revisions will be made the week of January 6th. Please submit any changes to the church office by January 6th. Thank you for your help to make our directory up-to-date and current.

Linda Faltin will serve as our Pastor for the month of January. If you are in need of pastoral care you can reach her at 336-862-9740.



Readers—We need readers for January 19th and 26th. Please consider stepping up to this volunteer position. If you are available and would like to help, please let Amy,

in the church office, know as soon as possible. If you would like to volunteer for future Sundays there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the front office. Thank you for considering this very important volunteer spot within the church.

THE CALL PROCESS AT-A-GLANCE

PASTORAL TRANSITION AND CLOSURE

Transition

- Council receives resignation of the pastor and chair of council contacts bishop
- Council chair is given "Call Process Booklets" for guidance in the process
- Council/Congregation brings about appropriate closure with resigning pastor
- Council meets with bishop's staff person assigned to call process
- Council and bishop's office establish an interim ministry

Study

- Plan for congregational study Nov. 3
- Call committee is appointed/elected according to the congregation's constitution and installation planned
- Bishop's staff person meets with entire congregation for study Nov. 3
- Congregation study report received by council and shared with congregation

Ministry Site Profile (MSP)

- Ministry Site Profile task force chairperson and task force appointed
- Task force chairperson leads council input session
- Ministry Site Profile completed
- Ministry Site Profile shared with congregation

SELECTING A PASTOR

- Call committee is trained using Ministry Site Profile
- Call committee seeks God's guidance as they begin interview process for pastor
- Call committee receives rostered leader profiles from bishop's office
- Call committee makes contact with candidates shortly after rostered leader profiles are supplied through bishop's office
- Call committee continues the interview process keeping in frequent contact with congregation council, congregation and bishop's staff person
- Call committee narrows selection to one candidate, whom they believe has been led to them by God, and asks that person to be the primary candidate

EXTENDING A CALL

- Call committee recommends primary candidate to the Congregation Council
- Council meets with the candidate and makes a recommendation to extend call
- Congregational meeting is set.
- Congregation meets the candidate
- Congregation votes to extend the call and approves compensation and benefits
- Pastor discerns and accepts the call
- Plans are made to say farewell to interim pastor and welcome the new pastor

WELCOMING AND SUPPORTING THE NEW PASTOR

- Installation arranged with conference dean
- Mutual Ministry team is formed/approved

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

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Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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