



# 2019 The Journey

## Newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Dear Emmanuel Family,

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Alleluia! God insists on life, and God is bringing new life to us here at Emmanuel in many and various ways! Here are a few of the ways I've seen God's abundant life stirring among us lately.

### **New Members**

We will welcome **new members** this month on May 19th. In the last few years, we have welcomed about 40 new active members. What a joy to grow in membership and to share Christian fellowship with such wonderful people.

### **21+/-**

This is a monthly event on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month. This fellowship dinner event started about two years ago and has kept going strong. We meet at 6:00 at a local restaurant to share an evening getting to know each other much better than we have before. Since short conversations and greetings in the narthex on Sundays aren't always enough to help us know and love each other, these relaxed evenings of conversation are holy work. We regularly have 20 people of all ages in attendance. God is bringing us abundant life in these strengthened relationships.

### **Young adults**

We have about a dozen young adults at Emmanuel now. We meet about monthly and have begun to forge deep relationships. These fine people serve at our sound board, cook soup for our Lenten suppers, serve as assisting ministers, sing in the choir, ring in the bell choir, and serve on our council, ministry teams, and special committees. God is bringing us abundant life in these young and vibrant members.

### **Wednesdays of Wonder**

This will be our 4th summer of Wednesdays of Wonder! Keep a watch out for information about our summer evening programming. We gather for intergenerational study, prayer, worship, fellowship, and creativity. God brings us abundant life as we create and worship together in Jesus' name.

### **Reconciling in Christ**

About 40 people came to the three forums we held to discuss Reconciling in Christ, and I have also met privately with a few members. People brought such great questions and expressed such love for our congregation! It was a joy to witness the passion people have for the gospel and the future of Emmanuel. Not everyone agreed about joining the RIC directory, but everyone agreed that welcoming all people is fundamental to our identity in Christ - and the way we live that identity as the people of Emmanuel, High Point. God is bringing abundant life in the honest, vulnerable conversations about God's love and God's people we are having among us.

God is bringing us abundant life, and we are prayerfully discerning God's will for Emmanuel as we grow in love toward God and one another for the sake of the gospel.

Deeply grateful to God for you,  
Pastor Jennifer



Thank God for the sacrifice and gift of Jesus Christ in which we have life abundant given freely, new life that is trustworthy and true.

*Mother's*

**Day** We ask God to strengthen and be with all women who nurture children—in the daily joys and challenges of parenting, passing on the faith, protecting and guiding children throughout life.

Turn to God in prayer, thankful and relieved that in God we have a loving, attentive shepherd who guides us day and night through life's difficulties, complexities and threats.

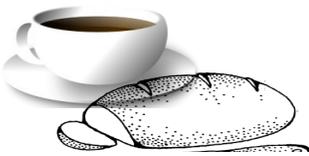
Give thanks to God for being patient, concerned and persistent with us when doubts, questions and even disbelief tug at us.



We celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates, and we pray that God will continue to guide them into the next phases of their lives.

Thurjang Chan  
Sage Rufsvold

Near the end of the school year, each of them will stand in worship and tell us their plans.



**Fresh Bread** is meeting Saturday, May 11 at 10:00am in the church parlor.

There will continue to be viewing and discussion of videos from the Why Christian conference. All women are invited.

It is Time Again for our Annual  
**MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET**  
This Year's Theme:  
**"AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN"**

**WHO:** All Ladies and Girls are invited: **WE ARE ALL DAUGHTERS**, so come alone or bring a friend or relative(s). If gentlemen would like to attend, they are welcomed as well.

**WHEN:** Sunday, May 5th at 5:00

**WHERE:** The Fellowship Hall

**What to Bring:** Your best covered dish(es)  
Sign up in the Narthex.)

**What to Wear:** If possible, Florals and/or garden party attire - hats, shawls, whatever you deem "garden-like".

Prizes awarded for "Best at the Garden Party"!

**Program:** Our very own Stan Reid of **Flowers on Greenoak** at 304 Greenoak Dr., Archdale, will present a program on flowers, design, and offerings available at his shop.



Please sign up today and join us for an evening of festive floral décor, delicious food, entertainment, and, oh yes, those fabulous door prizes!!

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:30 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	2	3 8:30 Breakfast Bunch	4
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth 5:00 Mother/Daughter/ Banquet	6 9:00 Prayer 10:30 Bible Study at Wesley Memorial	7 10:00 Prayer	8 1:30 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	9	10 8:30 Breakfast Bunch	11 10:00 Fresh Bread
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## Sunday Servants

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Stan Reid	Greg Evans	Steve Smotherman	Linda Faltin
<b>Crucifer</b>	Will Fullwood	Justin Kuethe	Indigo Weaver	Thurjang Chan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nelson Joseph	Chol Adichol	Aluel Adichol	
<b>Prayer of Day</b>	Wilson Joseph	Carson Kuethe	Julian Weaver	Aluel Adichol
<b>Reader</b>	Kathie Petry	Heather Bachelder	Jackie Kollros	Eileen Roberts
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Gerry Ewaldsen	Erika Kuethe	Sue Smotherman	Kay Hudson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jeanette Shirley	Jeanette Shirley	Jeanette Shirley	Jeanette Shirley
<b>Counters</b>	Debbie Echols Kathie Harvey	Gary Biesecker Bill Clemmer	Eileen Roberts Steve Smotherman	Patsy Hayworth Pete Roberts
<b>Council Person</b>	Patrick Farlow	Patrick Farlow	Patrick Farlow	Patrick Farlow

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

Calvin Biesecker	05/01
Bill Clemmer	05/06
Rick Owens	05/08
Helen Sloop	05/09
Sandi Yelton	05/10
Bert Reed	05/12
Sarah Hearne	05/15
Leland Hanna	05/19
Ray Kuethe	05/20
Katie Wright	05/20
Teagan Ayers	05/21
Dolly Morgan	05/23
Patrick Duffy	05/26
Kendra Boyd	05/30



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

Jeff Herrin given by Pete & Eileen Roberts to the Knitwits,  
 Marion Meyers given by Pete & Eileen Roberts to the Knitwits,  
 Jeff Herrin given by Bob Stroupe to the Compassion Fund,  
 Jo Stauffer given by Rebecca Gurkin to the Knitwits.  
 Bennie O'Kelley given by Connie & Randy Piner and Charles & Karen Bennett



## 2019 Synod Assembly

This year, the North Carolina Synod Assembly is in Greensboro at the Koury Convention Center on May 31 and June 1. Our congregation is allowed to send a delegate for each category:

- ◆ Male
- ◆ Female
- ◆ Person of Color or Primary Language Other than English
- ◆ Youth (who has been confirmed)

If you are interested in attending the synod assembly this year, please tell Pastor Jennifer. Your registration includes meals and is paid by Emmanuel. Youth, please note that May 31 is a Friday. If you can miss school that day, Pastor Jennifer will provide transportation.

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## “Everybody Get Together”

### Celebrate Lutheran Services Carolinas in May!

*“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” – Hebrews 10:24-25*

When you join with Lutheran Services Carolinas, you are welcoming a foster child into a loving home; you are providing a welcoming community for a senior; you are helping an adult with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities live abundantly; you are supporting an older adult who wishes to live independently at home; and you are offering a safe sanctuary for a refugee fleeing persecution. **You are doing so much for those facing life’s challenges.**

Thanks to your partnership with LSC, the lives of nearly 8,000 individuals and families were transformed in 2018. To learn more about LSC, the people and places served, and ways to get involved, visit [LSCarolinas.net](http://LSCarolinas.net) or call 1-800-HELPING.

## Update on Reconciling in Christ (RIC) from Pastor Jennifer

One of the concerns I’ve heard regarding the RIC process is that it feels rushed. If I failed to communicate this clearly, I deeply apologize. We have not been rushing, but if it feels as though we have, perhaps this timeline is helpful.

Timeline to date:

**Feb 2018:** At our council retreat, council explores the idea of RIC for the first time and decides to invite someone who has been through it to speak to council.

**March 2018:** A member of First Lutheran in Greensboro speaks to our council about how the RIC process went for them.

**April 2018:** Council discusses whether to proceed with RIC; no decision is made.

**May 2018:** Council passes a motion to appoint a team to craft a draft of a welcoming statement. Pastor Jennifer reads an address to the congregation about RIC and emails the address to the whole congregation, so everyone has received the same information.

**Summer 2018:** Team has been appointed, but no meetings are held as many members travel during the summer.

**Fall 2018:** Team meets a couple times to discuss RIC and begin to craft the welcoming statement.

**November 2018:** The team is satisfied with the welcoming statement. A notice is published in the bulletin saying the statement is drafted, but the team has decided to wait until after the new year to hold forums, as December is a very busy month for most people.

**March 2019:** Team meets to discuss how and when forums should be conducted.

**Late March 2019:** The welcoming statement is published in the bulletin with the invitation to attend one of the April forums for more information, discussion, and the opportunity to edit the draft of the welcoming statement.

**April 2019:** People meet in forums for discussion. Pastor Jennifer speaks individually to some members who have expressed specific concerns.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to talk with me. I look forward to rich, honest discussion with any and/or all of you.

In Christ’s love,  
Pastor Jennifer

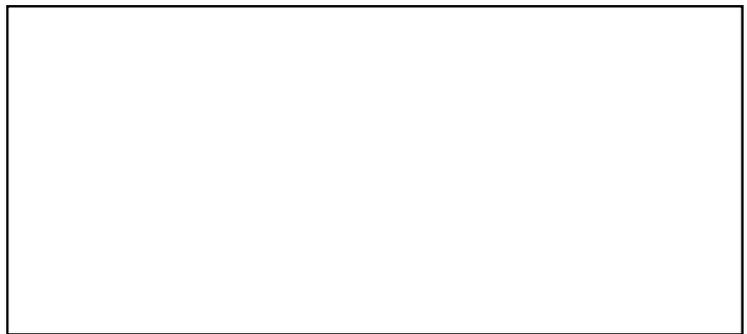


**May item-of-the-Month:** Spaghetti Sauce, pasta, rice, and shampoo Let’s fill the shopping cart in the narthex!

**May 2019**

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