



# 2019 The Journey

## Newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Thus says the Lord, the One who created you, O Jacob,  
The One who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers; they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

(Isaiah 43: 1-2)

The prophet Isaiah spoke these words to the people Israel when they were in exile in Babylon. In a time of uncertainty and fear, God spoke these words of comfort and strength to God's people through the prophet.

Know that whatever fear you may face, God is with you. In the midst of evil in the world, God is stronger, and God is at work doing good and healing broken relationships.

Know that you are a beloved child of God. God created you and formed you. God calls you by name and loves you.

In every challenge you face, you are never alone. Find ways to talk to God. Perhaps you connect with God through walking in nature or reading, perhaps through yoga or meditation, perhaps through music or dance, perhaps through writing or painting.

God is transforming and healing you and all of creation. God longs to be in relationship with all of God's children.

As you journey through the coming weeks, remember God's words, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers; they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

Grace and Peace to you through the Triune God,

- Mary Dickman Parris

**All Saints Day** Today, we remember our sisters and brothers in Christ who have gone before us — loved ones, friends, saints and martyrs — and offer thanks and respect for how they have influenced and enriched our lives and faith.



Remember in prayer people and communities working to cope with and recover from the impacts of Hurricanes Michael and Florence, the earthquake and tsunami that hit parts of the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, wildfires in California and other Western states, drought and famine in regions of Africa, and those still involved in ongoing long-term recovery work resulting from disasters; give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response on our behalf to bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

Pray we not forget during our busy lives to look up to God and give recognition and praise to God for being mighty, strong and merciful, the source of our blessings and all we have.

**Thanksgiving Day** Give thanks and praise to God for every blessing, person and resource that sustains us physically, spiritually and socially; pray for all who hunger in body and spirit that they be nourished and strengthened and that we seek ways to be supportive and engaged in the hope-filled, life-giving social ministries of our congregations, communities and ELCA World Hunger.

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**An announcement from the Bishop**—With my permission for Josh and with my and her home synod's (Southeastern, Bishop Kevin Strickland) permission for Mary, I hereby authorize approved ministry candidates Josh Parris and Mary Dickman, neither yet ordained, to officiate at the sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. This permission is limited to Emmanuel Lutheran Church only and only for the duration of the Interim Ministry, and it must be renewed each calendar year. There should be a notation in the bulletin each week (or at least regularly) that explains that though Vicars Mary and Josh (a good thing to call them, since they're not yet "pastor"), they have Synodical Authorization through the Bishop's Office of the NC Synod to preside at Eucharist only at Emmanuel. Thanks.

## ELC's Welcoming Statement

As followers of Christ, we at Emmanuel Lutheran believe we are called to live in unity with all of creation. Therefore, we are committed to serving God and sharing Christ's love with all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, culture, ethnicity, language, beliefs, physical or mental health or ability, faith, doubt, family composition, political affiliation, or any other category that divides us. By God's grace, you are welcome here. Come and see.

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### **The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on November 3rd after worship.**

The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2020 budget and elect four council members for a term of three years.

Please sign up for the light meal that will be served.

According to our constitution Chapter 12 CONGREGATION COUNCIL, "Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the annual meeting." There will be prepared ballots which will include the names of all persons nominated and blanks for the addition of names for eligible persons nominated from the floor. The proposer of a nomination from the floor must obtain a prior "willingness to serve if elected" from the nominee. All elected persons will begin service on January 1, 2020. The installation of newly elected Congregation Council members will be Sunday, January 5.

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### **Mark Your Calendars! The Congregational Study, a part of our Pastor Call Process, is Sunday November 3 after the Service.**

Sandra Cline from the North Carolina will lead a session of introspection and sharing as we discern what kind of congregation we are and what we aspire to be.

A light meal will be served.



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Can't do Wednesday choir rehearsals but would like to sing in the choir on Sundays? Jackie will work with anyone right after church to go over your part for the upcoming week. Email her at [icanter@northstate.net](mailto:icanter@northstate.net) so she will be prepared.

## Sundays in Advent



### Sunday - December 1st

9:30 Intergenerational Sunday school—  
Teach an overview of the gospel of  
Luke.

10:30 Worship

5:00 Holden Evening Prayer



### Sunday, December 8th

10:30 Worship

12:00 Caroling

### Sunday, December 15th

10:30 Worship—Choir Cantata

11:45 Christmas Potluck Luncheon

### Sunday, December 22nd

10:30 Worship

### Christmas Eve

7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



## Emmanuel Christmas Luncheon

**You are invited to mark your calendars for  
our Annual Christmas Luncheon.**

**When:** Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Following Worship Service

**Place:** Fellowship Hall

**Bring:** A covered dish(es)

**Provided:** Meats – chicken and ham

Please come and enjoy the fellowship of our festive holiday meal as we celebrate the Advent Season in great anticipation of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

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## Rachel Circle Christmas Gala

You are cordially invited to the home of  
Pat Duff, Thursday, December 12th

At 6:00 in the evening

For the annual Rachel circle  
Christmas Gala.

Please bring a covered dish but no gift.\*

\*\*In place of a gift, we will take up a donation for pastor's discretionary fund for Christmas and winter needs in our congregation if you care to donate.

Our lovely bell ringers will perform. We will have a brief program and festive surprises. Please join us for Christmas food, fellowship and lots of fun.

Contact Pat if you plan to attend by 12/9:

335-689-9397 or

prduff@yahoo.com



## Fresh Bread meets on Saturday

November 16 at 10:00 AM at church. This women's group will continue watching The Wisdom of

Faith DVD with Huston Smith which addresses the world's largest religions. This session will focus on Christianity and Judaism. All women are invited.



## Sunday Servants

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Greg Evans	Catherine Hughes	Pat Duff	Linda Faltin
<b>Crucifer</b>	Will Fullwood	Indigo Weaver	Chol Adichol	Nelson Joseph
<b>Acolytes</b>	Justin Kuethe	Julian Weaver	Aluel Adichol	Wilson Joseph
<b>Prayer of Day</b>	Carson Kuethe	Wilson Joseph	Adut Adichol	Aluel Adichol
<b>Reader</b>	Stan Reid	Linda Faltin	Joanna Roberts	Eileen Roberts
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Shelly Fullwood	Sue Smotherman	Kay Hudson	Gerry Ewaldsen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Eileen Roberts	Eileen Roberts	Eileen Roberts	Eileen Roberts
<b>Counters</b>	Scott Lambeth Mickey Walker	Debbie Echols Jim Allen	Kathie Petry Pete Roberts	Eileen Roberts Jonathan Teich
<b>Council Person</b>	Pat Duff	Pat Duff	Pat Duff	Pat Duff

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

*Jacqueline Canter*     11/01  
*Lewis Biesecker*     11/04  
*Patsy Hayworth*     11/07  
*Markus Horstmeyer*   11/08  
*Laine Ruehle*         11/12  
*Will Fullwood*         11/14  
*Erin Woody*            11/16  
*Sam Boyd*               11/20  
*Carson Kuethe*        11/22  
*Wilson Joseph*         11/23  
*Jake Sloop*             11/23  
*Rhonda Guy*            11/30



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

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30 Breakfast Bunch	2 
3 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Congregational Mtg. 11:45 Youth	4	5 10:00 Managing Ministry	6 1:00 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	7	8 8:30 Breakfast Bunch	9
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**November 3**—Camp Sunday at PoP—camp activities and lunch

**November 10**—Rest Day/Confirmation

**November 17**—Fun Day—Video Scavenger Hunt

**November 24**—Service—TBD



In case of inclement weather please tune in to FOX 8 for any closings or delays.

**Kneelers**—Please remember our kneelers are just for kneeling. Please do not stand on or rest your feet on the kneelers. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

**Ministry Fair** — is still available for sign up in the narthex. Prayerfully, consider ways you can serve your church this year.



**The Knitwits**

**Warming Tree at Emmanuel**

The Knitwits will be taking collected handmade and bought items for the “Angel Tree” at the Salvation Army the first week of December.

Place warm items like: gloves, socks, hats, scarves or anything that is suitable for children and adults. These will be given to families who have asked for assistance during the cold months ahead and before Christmas. Please place on the tree or in the boxes.

Thank you.



**Celebrating Christ’s Birth with Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will adorn the chancel beginning December 8th. You may purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a person who is important in your life.

These poinsettias in 6 ½” colorful pots are **\$11.50** each. *All orders will need to be turned in by Friday, December 6th* To place your order, please fill out the form below, attach \$11.50 per poinsettia, and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Checks should be made out to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Memo: poinsettia

You will be able to pick up your plants after the Christmas Eve Service.

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I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of poinsettias at \$11.50 each.

My check is enclosed in the amount of: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

In honor/memory of (please circle): \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of (please circle): \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of (please circle): \_\_\_\_\_



**Open Door Ministries**

*Food. Housing. Healing. Hope*

**Item-of-the-Month:**

**November:** Seasonal hot foods: stews, soups, chili, dry or canned beans/legumes, and disposable diapers. Let’s fill the shopping cart in the narthex!



Saturday night,  
November 2nd

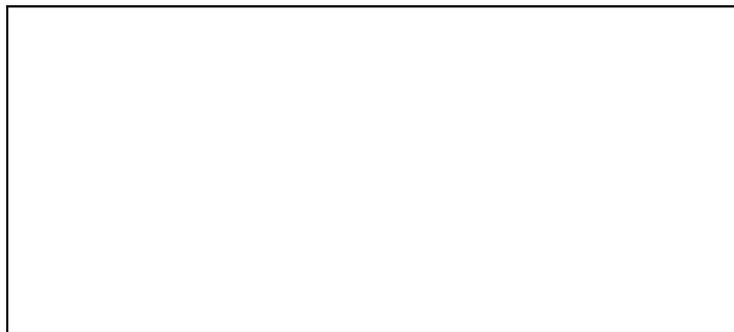
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**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

**Worship Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

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