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# The Journey 2019

## Newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Grace and Peace!

In Isaiah 43:19 God says, “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” I have always liked this particular verse from Isaiah because it shows just how excitingly God often works in our lives – even if we often don’t realize it! God is continually at work doing a new thing for the healing of the world’s brokenness. We see this most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although all this happened over 2,000 years ago, Jesus is still made alive and present to us today through the Holy Spirit. The gifts that come from our Lord Jesus – eternal life, the forgiveness of sin, a call to loving service, and hope for Jesus’ return to reign among us – are present and available to us now and come to us first and foremost through Word and Sacrament. We receive these gifts when we hear the gospel proclaimed through the words of Holy Scripture and in preaching. Additionally, we receive the gifts of Christ through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. These are tangible signs that God is indeed doing a new thing among us.

We encounter God’s saving work most fully in Word and Sacrament. But that’s not the *only* place we encounter it. God also works powerfully in the life of the Christian community. Mary and I see this clearly in the community of faith here at Emmanuel. We see it in our recent decision to become a *Reconciling in Christ* (RIC) congregation, where we publicly pledge to love and affirm our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We also see God at work in the love and faith that permeate the service of all those who participate in Emmanuel’s various ministries. This was made particularly clear this past Rally Sunday as Mary and I enjoyed food and fellowship with all of you and as we learned about all the exciting opportunities for ministry here at Emmanuel. I encourage all of us to take a moment this week to drop by and check out the various displays outside the sanctuary. Perhaps you are already involved. If so, celebrate that! And if you’re not, I encourage you to take a moment to discern how God might be calling you to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world through Emmanuel’s ministries.

But our calling as Christians – as disciples of the risen Christ in our midst is certainly not confined to church work. Rather our call to love and service extends to all aspects of our lives. There is no part of our daily experience that is not filled by the presence of God. In other words, each of us has a unique vocation that God uses. So, as we go about our daily routines, whatever that may be, let’s ask ourselves: What new thing is God up to today? And what is God calling us to be and to do? Mary and I would love hear your stories about how God is at work in your life!

Peace in Christ,

-Josh Parris



We remember people, communities and regions affected by recent flooding and widespread wildfires and pray for their safety, recovery and rekindling of hope and fortitude in the wake of devastation and loss.

As children of God – disciples and followers of Christ – pray for humility, accepting that we are not granted privilege, praise or reward for being members of the body of Christ but are instead called to lives of service, sacrifice and witness for the sake of the world and our neighbors in need.

Pray we work diligently to change our perspectives, behaviors and practices that make assumptions based on traditional roles or bias, undervalue or ignore the value and gifts of women and children in the church and society.

Ask God to bless the numerous ways in which our congregations, ministries, members, synods, churchwide programs, organizations and ecumenical partners work together to care for our neighbors and spread the good news and hope of Jesus Christ.



All knitters in the church are invited to join the Knit Wits on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 in the parlor. We will begin making items for the warming tree soon. If you don't knit and would like to learn, we can help you

with this as well. Come join the fellowship and service to our church and community.

**Knitwits** - Will you help the Knitwits with their ministry? They buy a particular type of yarn to make prayer shawls, and the yarn for one costs about \$30. Any monetary donation amount would be appreciated.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Emmanuel voted to be a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation**. Being RIC means that as a church, we publically state that we love and affirm our siblings in Christ who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer. Such a statement naturally flows from our identity as disciples of Christ Jesus. Welcoming all people is a concrete way that we obey Jesus' command in John 13:34-35 where Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Being an RIC congregation means that we are committed to loving all people in imitation of Christ. Being RIC is one of the many ways we are welcoming. Emmanuel will continue in the worship, community, and ministries that are part of our history – past, present, and future – only now as we go forth into the future, we do so with a renewed sense of just how wonderfully inclusive the love of God really is! Thanks be to God! Amen!

-Mary and Josh Parris



Open Door Ministries

*Food. Housing. Healing. Hope*

**Item-of-the-Month: October:** Dry breakfast cereals (such as rice krispies, corn flakes, shredded wheat, etc.), powdered milk or shelf ready milk. Let's fill the cart in the narthex!

## Margie's Boutique

Summer is over and Margie's Boutique is now accepting donations of fall/winter items in good condition through the end of March. Your continued support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Boutique Staff

## Sunday Servants

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jay Lowery	Joy Joseph	Mary Kay Erdin	Jonathan Teich
<b>Crucifer</b>	Chol Adichol	Justin Kuethe	Indigo Weaver	Mimi Banglo
<b>Acolytes</b>	Aluel Adichol	Nelson Joseph	Wilson Joseph	Heather Lynn Hamilton
<b>Banner Bearer</b>				Joh Joseph
<b>Prayer of Day</b>	Carson Kuethe	Wilson Joseph	Julian Weaver	Aluel Adichol
<b>Reader</b>	Joanna Roberts	Heather Bachelder	Bonnie Faust	Linda Faltin
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Kay Hudson	Erika Kuethe	Sue Smotherman	Gerry Ewaldsen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathie Harvey	Kathie Harvey	Kathie Harvey	Kathie Harvey
<b>Counters</b>	Eileen Roberts Gary Biesecker	Debbie Echols Kathie Harvey	Mickey Walker Scott Lambeth	Patsy Hayworth Eileen Roberts
<b>Council Person</b>	Stacy Smith	Stacy Smith	Stacy Smith	Stacy Smith

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

## Birthdays

Gary Biesecker	10/03
Joan Lee	10/03
Brady Fullwood	10/04
Vivian Biesecker	10/05
Courtney Guy	10/05
Bob Schultheis	10/06
Robert Arimetea	10/09
Scott Lambeth	10/10
Abby Warner	10/10
Erin Warner	10/10
Jerry Longaker	10/11
Newton Royster	10/11
Ronnie Sloop	10/11
Steve Smotherman	10/13
Randall Hayworth	10/14
Theresa Moxley	10-19
Joanna Roberts	10/22
Jennifer Ayers	10/22
Natalee Bennett	10/23
Chol Adichol	10/24



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

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:00 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	3	4 8:30 Breakfast Bunch	5
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27 <b>Reformation Sunday</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth 11:45 Oktoberfest Lunch	28	29	30 1:00 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir	31		



## ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST LUNCH

Please join us for Oktoberfest Lunch, Sunday, October 27th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish, German food if you wish, and join in the fellowship. Brats and hot dogs will be provided by Nurturing Ministry. Sign up in the Narthex!

Please plan to come and enjoy this Festive Fall Event as we celebrate Reformation Sunday!!



We welcome Geneva Berry as our Youth Director! Geneva grew up at Emmanuel and returns to guide and support our youth! You can contact her at berryandre-a518@gmail.com.



### Augsburg Sunday

**School Class** Invites Adults to Join Us! All adults are invited to join us for Sunday School. We offer a wonderful scripture based curriculum very relevant to our daily lives. We enjoy great fellowship and discussion. The class is taught by Eileen Roberts and Pat Duff. Please join us from 9:30-10:15 Sunday mornings. All are welcome!!



A big thank you to everyone who participated and financially supported our youth in the 2019 CROP Walk. It was another successful year thanks to your support!

**We welcome Mary and Josh as our interim ministers.** Josh will be in the office every Monday from 9:00 until 12:00, and Mary will be here on Wednesdays from 9:00 -12:00. They welcome everyone to stop by to say “hi” and introduce themselves. Please feel free to contact them with any pastoral need. Their contact information is as follows:

Mary—406-461-1106  
marydparris@northstate.net

Josh—336-554-4278  
joshparris@northstate.net

**Fresh Bread** women are meeting on October 26 at 10:00 at church to continue viewing and discussing the major world religions. At this next meeting, we will learn about Confucianism. Our study is using the DVD--The Wisdom of Faith. It is a conversation by Bill Moyers with Huston Smith, renowned scholar of religion. All women are invited and can bring a friend.



### Our First Sunday October Fellowship

will honor our new Interim Pastors. Please plan to stay and visit after church October 6th with our church family.



### Youth Activities for October

**10/6/19** - Camp Sunday at PoP—Camp games and lunch. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes

**10/13/19—REST DAY—Confirmation**

**10/20/19—Fun Day—Ice Skating—Bring a jacket and don't forget your SOCKS.**

**10/27/19—Service—Chores for a church member or going around the neighborhood and collecting items for hurricane relief.**

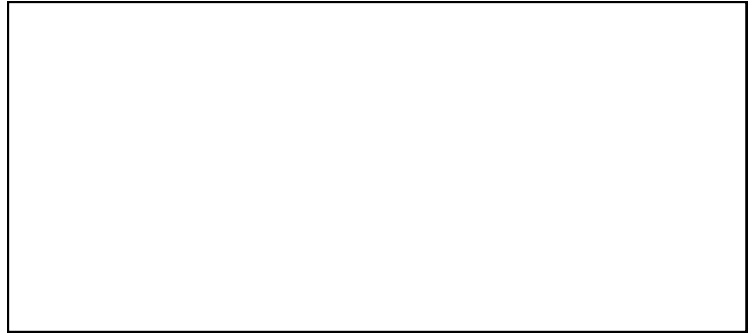
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**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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

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