



The Journey

2019

September

Newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

An Update of the Call Process for Our New Pastor

- On August 13 the Congregational Council met with Bishop Tim Smith. We discussed The Call Process and Interim Pastors.
- The Call Process takes an average of 14 months.
- A Call Committee will be formed. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please talk to a Council Member. We would like to have a diversified group on the Call Committee.
- A Poster in narthex is titled, "Call Process at a Glance." Items will be checked off as they are completed.
- Monthly updates will be included in announcements and newsletter notes about the Progress of the Call.

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 _____
- Call committee is appointed/elected according to the congregation's constitution and installation planned
- Bishop's staff person meets with entire congregation for study _____
- 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



Prayer Focus

As followers of Christ, pray that we are bold examples and practioners of civility, respect, truth, justice and empathy for our neighbor in every-

thing we do and say in every place and circumstance.

Give thanks to God for the season of fall with its new beginnings, abundant harvests that feed the hungry and rhythms of change in nature that move us to reflect on God with awe and praise.

Sing, shout and whisper praises to God, our creator. Hope, help and advocate for the poor, hungry, ill, imprisoned, forgotten and oppressed. God is our inspiration, guide and example.

How do we describe Jesus? We pray that through our baptism and the work of the Spirit we are imprinted with a deep understanding and faith in Jesus as the son of God, the one true messiah – our salvation, hope and light.

Pause what you are doing, look around and listen to the concerns and joys of your heart; talk with God about what catches your attention or weighs on you.



There is a sign up sheet to be a Sunday reader on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you would like to be a reader, please sign up for a date that works for your schedule. We would love to have your help!

Open Door Ministries
Food. Housing. Healing. Hope

Item-of-the-Month—September: Sheets, blankets, and food of your choice. Let’s fill the box in the narthex!

Youth Sunday Lunches — If you are interested in preparing a simple lunch for the youth this fall for their after church Sunday meetings, please sign up in the narthex, or let Sandy Allen or Pat Duff know. We appreciate your continued support of our youth.



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!!

50 Plus Outing – Lunch and a Movie

The Rachel Circle will sponsor Lunch and a Movie Thursday, September 5th. We will meet a church at 10:30 and take the van to Asheboro where we will eat under a canopy of trees at Magnolia’s Restaurant (famous for its chicken and southern cuisine). If the weather is bad, we will go to The Table. Following lunch we will go to the historic Sunset Theater to view the movie, “October Sky”. (This is a free movie for Seniors.) This is an excellent movie set in 1957 when coal miner families viewed Sputnik in the October sky in Coalwood, West Virginia. It is based on the true story of Homer Hickman, Jr. who became known as one of the “Rocket Boys.” Their young coal mining lives would be changed forever.

We should return around 3:30 . Let Pat Duff know if you plan to attend.

Supply Pastor Schedule

Sept 1 - Michael Weaver

Sept 8 - Linda Faltin

Find us online at:

emmanuellutheranchurch.org and follow us on



Facebook: Emmanuel Lutheran Church High Point, NC

September

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>1</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth 11:45 First Sunday Fellowship</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Church Office Closed for Labor Day</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> <p>1:00 Knitwits</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10:30 50+/Rachel Circle Outing</p> | <p>6</p> <p>8:30 Breakfast Bunch</p> | <p>7</p> <p>10:00 Fresh Bread</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>RALLY DAY</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth 11:45 Congregational Meeting Rally Day Lunch</p> | <p>9</p> <p>5:00 Open Door</p> | <p>10</p> <p>10:00 Managing Ministry</p> | <p>11</p> <p>1:00 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> <p>8:30 Breakfast Bunch</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth 3:00 Confirmation</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> <p>1:00 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir</p> | <p>19</p> <p><i>NewsLetter</i> DEADLINE</p> | <p>20</p> <p>8:30 Breakfast Bunch</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth 3:00 CROP Walk</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>1:00 Knitwits 6:30 Bells 7:30 Choir</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> <p>8:30 Breakfast Bunch</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Youth</p> | <p>30</p> | | | | | |

Sunday Servants

| | September 1 | September 8 | September 15 | September 22 | September 29 |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Joy Joseph | Stan Reid | Greg Evans | Mary Kay Erdin | Linda Faltin |
| Acolyte | Wilson Joseph | Aluel Adichol | | | Nelson Joseph |
| Crucifer | Indigo Weaver | Chol Adichol | Justin Kuethe | Mimi Banglo | Will Fullwood |
| Prayer of Day | Julian Weaver | Heather Lynn Hamilton | Carson Kuethe | Aluel Adichol | Wilson Joseph |
| Reader | Linda Faltin | Joanna Roberts | Jackie Kollros | Eileen Roberts | |
| Communion Preparer | Sue Smotherman | Kay Hudson | Erika Kuethe | Gerry Ewaldsen | Shelly Fullwood |
| Altar Guild | Kay Hudson | Kay Hudson | Kay Hudson | Kay Hudson | Kay Hudson |
| Counters | Anita Bowman Pete Roberts | Gary Biesecker Bill Clemmer | Kathie Petry Eileen Roberts | Scott Lambeth Mickey Walker | Debbie Echols Steve Smotherman |
| Council Person | Kay Hudson | Kay Hudson | Kay Hudson | Kay Hudson | Kay Hudson |

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

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| Margaret Boyan | 09/01 |
| Violet Bachelder | 09-07 |
| Robby Sloop | 09/11 |
| Katerina Canter | 09/13 |
| John Herrin | 09/15 |
| Randy Miller | 09/17 |
| Alice Herrin | 09/19 |
| Nancy Miller | 09/19 |
| Chris Barneycastle | 09/20 |
| Irene Hamilton | 09/21 |
| Sterling Ayers | 09/21 |
| Nell Sechler | 09/23 |
| Erika Kuethe | 09/25 |
| Frances Lambeth | 09/25 |
| Justin Kuethe | 09/29 |



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

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Our Youth will be walking again this year on September 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the High Point Rockers Ballpark, 301 Elm Street, High Point. They are asking for your support. You can donate in a variety of ways:

1. Donate directly to one of the youth members.
2. Donate online at: CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG/HIGHPOINTNC Our Team is "Emmanuel Lutheran".
3. Place a check in the offering basket. Please make your check payable to "CWS/CROP"

Our fundraising goal is \$1500. Remember 25% of all funds raised stay in High Point.



Rally Day Sunday September 8th

Sunday School will be offered for children and adults beginning at 9:30.

- A covered dish "Sunday Country Picnic" will be held in the Fellowship Hall following church service.
- The Nurturing Ministry will sponsor a Ministry Fair to inform folks of the various opportunities to serve within the church during the lunch.
- Please sign up in the narthex to bring a covered dish and to make sure we have an accurate headcount.

Fresh Bread folks will meet again on Saturday morning September 7 at the church at 10:00. Folks will view

and discuss the PBS DVD series, *Wisdom of Faith*, with Bill Moyers interviewing Huston Smith, scholar of religious studies. This five part series covers Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Huston Smith had a lifelong commitment for better understanding among religions so as to promote social justice and peace. Fresh Bread encourages any interested women to come and bring friends.

There will be a special **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 8, 2019** immediately following worship. The sole purpose for this meeting is to hold a vote concerning becoming a Reconciling In Christ congregation. We will be voting on whether to submit our "Welcoming Statement" and whether to take the necessary steps to become a RIC congregation. As per our constitution, no absentee ballots will be allowed. The vote will be done by anonymous ballot. We hope that you will make every effort to attend this special called meeting.

Reconciling In Christ Update

As we move towards the end of the summer, we are continuing the congregational council's effort to provide additional information concerning Reconciling In Christ. We hope that the information being provided answers questions/concerns you may have. We also hope that it dispels any misinformation that you may have heard or been given.

- Should you have additional questions or want additional information, please contact a congregational council or RIC team member.

ELC's Welcoming Statement as proposed

by the Reconciling In Christ task force:

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.

Congregational Council Members:

Mike Stewart-President, Stan Reid, Leslie Duffy, Terri Walker, Greg Evans, Pat Duff, Patrick Duffy, Kay Hudson, Kathie Harvey, Stacy Smith, Patrick Farlow, Jon Teich

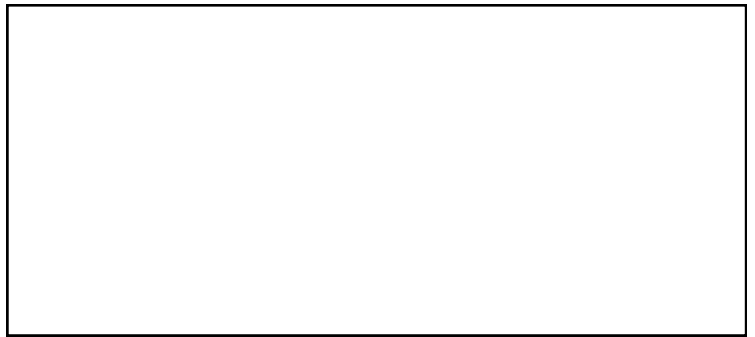
RIC Team Members:

Gary Biesecker, Mary Bauermeister, Mickey Walker, Erika Kuethe, Greg Leeman, Stan Reid, Joy Joseph, Marilyn Stewart

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

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