



2020 The Journey

Newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Dear Siblings in Christ,

This Sunday will be the seventh Sunday we have been unable to worship together in our lovely space at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, seven Sundays of sheltering-in-place and trying to keep ourselves and others safe. For taking precautions for safety is not just about each of us; it is about our taking care of and caring about our neighbor, whomever that may be.

Our state is still in lockdown as far as most gatherings go, though the governor, this week, has put forth a three-stage plan for opening the state, provided the number of cases remains flat ...which makes corporate worship still a very challenging, no, *daunting*, prospect. After all, as I said, it is not just about each of us and what we want, but about being responsible and caring about others and their well-being.

I have no idea about what the future holds...no crystal ball have I, nor any kind of inside information from the CDC and public health experts. But the number of deaths in this country continues to grow and as states begin to open and ease their restrictions, I suspect sadly that we will see many more.

Decisions about when and how to hold worship at Emmanuel will rest in the hands of the Congregation Council, as they seek Synodical and state advice about the best and safest and most responsible course to take. In the meantime, dear ones, I encourage you to reach out to one another. We have so many means of communication at our disposal today: e-mail, telephone, texting, Skype, Facetime, Google Duo, and many others. And there is always good old snail mail. As a community of faith, let's reach out to one another and keep the lines of communication and connection open, even as we are unable to physically be together. In the face of an uncertain and unknown future, let us also hold on to the reality that our God is in this with us, loving and upholding and comforting us through it all.

Our Sunday worship is available via email with links to the music and sermon. As you worship, whether alone or with family, I encourage you to imagine yourself surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, by the rest of the Emmanuel family. And may the peace of God fill your hearts and minds each day. Blessings.

Pastor Linda



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.

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.

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.

Council will be meeting via Zoom for the May.

April Financials

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| Offerings | \$ 17,254.62 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ 11,676.50</u> |
| | \$ 5,578.12 |

Year-to-Date

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| Offering | \$ 63,270.92 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ 60,263.61</u> |
| | \$ 3,007.31 |



We lift Helen Sloop, Merlyn Schultheis, Ginger Eschenberg, Nancy Woody,

Nancy Miller, Erin Woody, Randy Hayworth, Marilyn Stewart, Gray Bowman's sister, Jamie Green, Diane Arbogast, Bonnie Faust, Stacy Smith, and Susan Smith's sister, Janet to God, praying for peace and comfort.

Sunday Sermons

During this ever evolving time of uncertainty you will continue to receive each Sunday sermon the day before via email. The sermon will also be posted on our church website at www.emmanuelchurch.org. If you do not have an email address, we will mail a hard copy to you each week.

Also, please note that Pastor Linda is posting a daily reading of a psalm on our Facebook page.

How to Give to Emmanuel On-line

1. Go to Emmanuelchurch.org
2. Click on the Give online button under Links near the top right.
3. A secure window will open. Fill in the blanks. It will give you an option to create an account. If you create an account, you will not need to enter your information each time, but you do not have to create an account to give.
4. Press submit and you're all done.

You may also download the Tithe.ly app. Go to: <https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>

When you search for a church, we are listed as Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. After that, just follow the prompts to give.

FYI--the fees for using a credit card are 2.4% plus \$0.25 per transaction and 0.5% plus \$0.25 per transaction for a bank draft.

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