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The Journey 2020

Newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

To my dearly beloved Emmanuel "family":

Autumn has long been my favorite season of the year and even though this one is unlike any which have gone before, due to Covid-19, I am eagerly anticipating autumn flowers and foliage, cooler days and still-cooler nights. I look forward to cooking soup and making applesauce and baking apple and pumpkin pies- all of those autumnal dishes which are so comforting to body and soul.

Even as summer has been ending, so has my time of serving as your Interim pastor, which will officially end with worship on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25th. And I am filled with an overflowing of emotions: joy, at our calling of a new pastor; relief, that I will no longer be shouldering the responsibility for your collective and individual well-being; sadness, since I have so enjoyed getting to know so many of you better, and always enjoy leading worship; pride, that I have been part of the on-going effort to maintain connections and designing on-line worship; and gratitude for your placing your confidence and trust in me during this in-between time.

Speaking of gratitude, I offer thanks to so many: Amy Vitola, who is a most amazing administrative assistant; Ford and Jackie for their continued faithfulness to supplying music, week after week; Stan Reid and the entire Congregation Council for their faithful and committed leadership; Debbie Echols and the Call Committee for persisting so well, even in the face of the demands and restrictions of Covid-19. And actually, I am thankful for each and all of you- for you notes and calls and kind words, as I struggled to BE your pastor throughout these difficult months. Your love and support and prayers have meant more than I can say.

And now, dear ones, please continue to lavish that love and support on our new pastor, Ethan Overcash, and his spouse, Cassie. We are- as a family of faith- beginning a new chapter in our life together- with TOGETHER as the key word. Worship will remain different for an indeterminate time. Visitation will remain different for an equally-indeterminate time. But *being* the church? That will depend on our loving care and support for one another, on our willingness to reach out into our community in whatever ways we can, on our openness to the ways in which the wind of the Spirit will blow through this community of faith, listening always for God's call to BE GOD'S PEOPLE.

I hold each and all of you in prayer today and every day. May you do the same for me.

Love and blessings,

Pastor Linda



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.



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!



A big thank you to everyone who financially supported our youth in the 2020 CROP Walk. It was another successful year thanks to your support!

October 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
Scott Lambeth	10/10
Jerry Longaker	10/11
Newton Royster	10/11
Ronnie Sloop	10/11
Steve Smotherman	10/13
Joanna Roberts	10/22
Jennifer Ayers	10/22
Natalee Bennett	10/23
Chol Adichol	10/24

September Financials

Offerings	\$ 18,239.61
Expenses	\$ 17,094.00
	\$ 1,145.61

Year-to-Date

Offerings	\$ 140,016.39
Expenses	\$ 137,013.66
	\$ 3,002.73

How to Give to Emmanuel On-line

1. Go to EmmanuelLutheranChurch.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.



We lift Helen Sloop, Ginger Eschenberg, Nancy Woody, Nancy Miller, Erin Woody, 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.



I hope you have enjoyed the music attached to the on line sermons these past months. In addition to the preludes by Ford and my singing a hymn or two, occasionally there

have been additional music offerings by a 4 Ringer Handbell group comprised of Sandy Allen, Kathie Harvey, Jennie Bowman and myself and some piano solos played by Jennie Bowman. We intend to continue to include these musical offerings with our on line worship experiences and hope to share them with you again when we are able to meet in person in larger groups.

Attention! Attention!

We are resuming "In-Person" worship beginning this Sunday, October 4th. Two services will be offered at 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Only 25 people may attend each service so you MUST SIGN UP EACH WEEK by calling or emailing the church office to let them know that you are coming and how many people you have attending. At the present time we have eleven spaces available for the 9:30 service and two spaces left for the 10:30 service. Please call the church office as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

These services will last 30-40 minutes each. There will be no singing during these services and the entire service will be printed in the bulletin. There will be an offering plate in the narthex in which you can place your offerings.

Safety procedures will be followed, temperature check, must wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines. Everyone will enter through the front door and exit through the back door.

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of

Merlyn Schultheis given by Gerry Longaker,, James Freeman, Bob Stroupe, Reba Rooks, Joan Brechtelsbauer, Dale & Laura Stash, Virginia Thomas, D. Jean Holtzclaw, Helen Sloop, Dena & Jack Gibson, Gary & Vivian Biesecker, Richard & Rosalind Parr, Norma Burroughs.

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of

Bob Stroupe given by Sam & Kendra Boyd.



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

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Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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