

# Annual Report 2017

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## New Staff for a New Year

As 2016 came to a close, our organist, Linda Dreisbach and our church secretary, Kathy Milander gave notice of retirement. We began the search to fill these positions.



Lynne Ambrose was hired as our secretary and office administrator. She brings skills honed in years of work in the medical field, combined with a genuine love and excitement for working in a church setting. Lynne and her husband Dave are both members of Emmanuel's Church. We are

blessed to receive the benefits of her talents and organizational skills.

Beth McElroy came on board as our organist / music director on Ash Wednesday, March 1. She quickly managed to lead us musically through the Lenten season, and brings new ideas and fresh music to our traditional services. Beth is also directing our handbell choir as well as our youth and adult choirs. In addition to her talents on organ and piano, she is an accomplished percussionist who plays in several local musical groups and shares that talent with us as well. We welcome Beth and her husband, Stephen, into our church family.



## Blessings and Additions to our Ministry

With the leadership of a member, Pastor Paulette Obrecht, a new women's group has begun to gather for fellowship and learning each month. All women are welcome!

Advent Family night was a success despite the nasty weather. We were blessed with a variety of music for the season, combined with stations for children and families to play and to learn.

## Reaching Out

Ministry beyond our walls is a hallmark of our active ministry at Emmanuel's Church.

The J- Walkers youth ministry includes 7th through 12th grade students who meet twice each month for learning and fellowship. This year several students enjoyed trips to the Jersey shore and Philadelphia.

11 students and 3 adult leaders have been preparing for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX June 27 to July 1, 2018.



During the Lenten season, we met the Pastor's challenge to buy a new freezer for the Bath Area Food Bank. We raised more than enough funds and continue to give generously to this important local ministry.

## Growing in Christ's Love

Vacation Bible School in the last week of June turned our fellowship halls into a brightly colored "Maker Fun Factory". There was lots of singing and learning about God our Maker.



The Mothers of Faith group sponsored breakfast with the Easter Bunny and in coordination with our music director, our first annual Trunk or Treat, where we welcome the community to share in a safe Halloween adventure, complete with music and treats to share.

Thanks for a wonderful year!

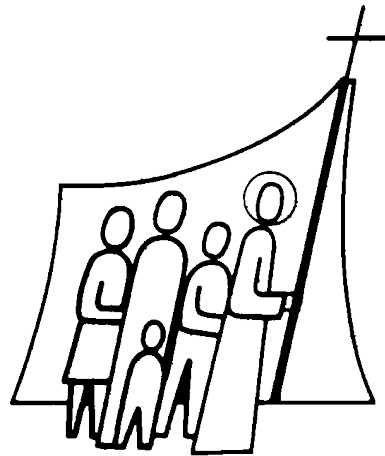
*Pastors Barry and Elizabeth Mitchell*



God calls us to Reach out and to Grow in Christ's Love

## Emmanuel's Church Officers for 2017 - 2018

| 2017 Elected Officers               | 2018 Elected Officers                     |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Pastor: The Rev. Barry Mitchell     | Pastor: The Rev. Barry Mitchell           |
| Pastor: The Rev. Elizabeth Mitchell | Pastor: The Rev. Elizabeth Mitchell       |
| President: Robert Radaker           | President: Robert Radaker                 |
| Vice-President: Michele Geiger      | Vice-President: Michele Geiger            |
| Secretary: John Hemak               | Secretary: Jane Fried                     |
| Treasurer: Robert Siegfried         | Treasurer: Robert Siegfried, Brian Baylor |
| Financial Secretary: Robert Bennett | Financial Secretary: Robert Bennett       |



## Emmanuel's Church Council for 2017

| Church Council  | Term | Term Begin | Term End |
|-----------------|------|------------|----------|
| Michele Geiger  | 2    | 1/1/16     | 12/31/18 |
| John Hemak      | 2    | 1/1/16     | 12/31/18 |
| Robert Radaker  | 2    | 1/1/17     | 12/31/19 |
| Sandra Howell   | 2    | 1/1/15     | 12/31/17 |
| Brenda Smith    | 2    | 1/1/15     | 12/31/17 |
| Nancy Armstrong | 1    | 1/1/15     | 12/31/17 |
| Brian Silfies   | 1    | 1/1/15     | 12/31/17 |
| David Getz      | 1    | 2/1/15     | 12/31/17 |
| Marilyn Angst   | 1    | 1/1/16     | 12/31/18 |
| Kristin Butz    | 1    | 1/1/16     | 12/31/18 |
| Winfield Miller | 1    | 1/1/17     | 12/31/19 |
| Samantha Wolf   | 1    | 1/1/17     | 12/31/19 |

## Church Attendance

| Year    | 8:00<br>Traditional<br>Average | 9:30<br>Celebration<br>Average | 10:45<br>Traditional<br>Average |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2015*   | 57                             | 119                            | 46                              |
| 2016**  | 49                             | 129                            | 44                              |
| 2017*** | 46                             | 116                            | 46                              |

\* 2015 - averages based on 51 Sundays (1 Sunday closed due to snow)  
 \*\* 2016 - Christmas was on a Sunday and 1 Sunday closed for snow - averages based on 50 Sundays  
 \*\*\* 2017 - averages based on 53 Sundays

### Contribution Record \*

| Amount Per Year    | Gave in<br>2016 | Gave in<br>2017 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| \$3,000 and over   | 36              | 36              |
| \$2,501 to \$3,000 | 16              | 10              |
| \$2,101 to \$2,500 | 12              | 6               |
| \$1,501 to \$2,100 | 23              | 30              |
| \$1,001 to \$1,500 | 30              | 25              |
| \$551 to \$1,000   | 36              | 37              |
| \$401 to \$550     | 13              | 13              |
| \$251 to \$400     | 20              | 16              |
| \$151 to \$250     | 16              | 23              |
| \$53 to \$150      | 45              | 36              |
| \$.01 to \$52      | 58              | 54              |

\* Contribution record includes giving in all categories - regular offering, building fund, world hunger, social min-

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| Amount Per Year    | Gave in<br>2016 | Gave in<br>2017 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| \$3,000 and over   | 28              | 28              |
| \$2,501 to \$3,000 | 6               | 6               |
| \$2,101 to \$2,500 | 9               | 10              |
| \$1,501 to \$2,100 | 20              | 22              |
| \$1,001 to \$1,500 | 37              | 33              |
| \$551 to \$1,000   | 34              | 37              |
| \$401 to \$550     | 22              | 18              |
| \$251 to \$400     | 20              | 18              |
| \$151 to \$250     | 15              | 22              |
| \$53 to \$150      | 37              | 35              |
| \$.01 to \$52      | 46              | 56              |

\*\* Contribution record includes only regular offering

## Membership

|                                |      |                                   |     |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Previous total membership:     | 1124 | Confirmed membership              | 838 |
| Members removed                |      | Not confirmed membership          | 296 |
| By death.....                  | - 9  | Average Weekly Worship Attendance | 208 |
| By transfer.....               | - 2  |                                   |     |
| By record adjustment....       | - 1  |                                   |     |
| New members .....              | + 9  |                                   |     |
| Baptized in 2017.....          | + 15 |                                   |     |
| New total baptized membership: | 1136 |                                   |     |

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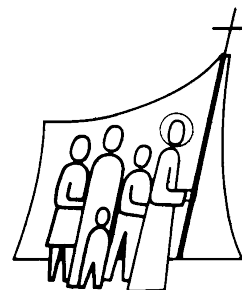
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## Report of Church Council President, Robert Radaker:

We are truly blessed at Emmanuel's! Thanks to everyone who helped make 2017 another successful year. We have a great staff, committed leaders and numerous volunteers who keep everything going – Council members, Sunday School teachers, youth advisors, committee members, ushers and greeters, choirs, the band, guest instrumentalists and all who helped with cleanups, grass mowing, newsletters and many other activities. Special thanks to our church staff for their dedicated service: Pastors Barry and Elizabeth, our new secretary – Lynne Ambrose, sexton - Jason Corona, as well as our new organist /choir director and hand bell choir director – Beth McElroy, and Handyman – Bart Palamaro. Thanks also to our treasurer Bob Siegfried and financial secretary Bob Bennett.

Thanks to all church council members for your support and dedication. A special thanks to Brenda Smith, Sandra Howell, Nancy Armstrong, Brian Silfies and David Getz who completed terms. We welcome David for a second term and new council members Jane Fried, Vernell Meyers, Dianna Schoenen and Paul Honett. Thanks for agreeing to serve. A special thanks to Michelle Geiger who served as Vice President and to John Hemak who served as our council secretary.

A special thanks to Jason Corona for his service as Sexton as he begins a full time position at Mack Trucks. We hope to have a replacement by the time you actually read this.

Our youth involvement continues to increase and it is great to see. Thanks to the leadership of the Wolf's and Baylor's and all who support our youth activities. Youth are the future of this church.

New opportunities for Women's groups and a Men's Bible Study group were active in 2017. We look forward to more group opportunities for study, growth and fellowship in 2018.

Thanks for your continued financial support in 2017 to both our general fund expenses as well as your continued support of the building fund. The good news is that the contributions to the general fund were up and folks made significant contributions to our outside ministries such as the Bath Area Food Bank, ELCA Good Gifts, Souper Bowl Sunday, World Hunger and several special appeals as well as many others! No matter what this congregation is asked to do, folks respond! We ask for your continued support in 2018.

Emmanuel's is a very special place because of the folks who make this a true church family! Thank you for your support and participation. We look forward to another great year in 2018!

## 2017 Church Council Highlights... John Hemak, Council Secretary:



In retrospect, 2017 was a relatively quiet year for Church Council. We opened the year by welcoming Win Miller and Samantha Wolf to council. They were both eager to help in other committees in addition to their roles with the cemetery and J-Walkers, respectively. Lynne Ambrose joined as Church Secretary and the transition was seamless, she has been terrific to work with. We welcomed Beth McElroy on as Church Organist and Choir Director. Her ideas and passion for music have lifted the spirits of the congregation. Heather Bennett-Knerr and Clarissa Louw volunteered to lead the Sunday School program.

Outreach and Fellowship: Emmanuel's raised money to provide the Bath Area Food Bank with a new freezer. Bob Moyer's mission in Panama and ELCA Good Gifts gave all a chance to help those in need. We were even able to help a member of the Congregation repair a much needed lift! "God's Work, Our Hands" helped preparing over 40 personal care kits for Project Promise. Our annual Vacation Bible School themed "Maker Fun Factory" was an incredible Bible-learning experiences for kids to see, hear, touch and even taste! We had breakfast with the Easter Bunny and transformed the parking lot into a "Trunk or Treat" playground. Emmanuel's Women's Ministry Group has formed to share in Bible study and fellowship.

J-Walkers continue to grow thanks to Chris and Samantha Wolf. The group continues to prepare for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, hosting free-will donation events throughout the year highlighted by Easter Breakfast and Oktoberfest. They enjoyed trips to Wildwood, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

Property and Maintenance, Bart Palamaro continues to help keep Emmanuel's operating in tip top shape, to which we are all very grateful. BK Bennington & Son may have finally sealed the leaks in the Annex. A new air conditioning unit has been installed for the parlor.

The year ended with Brenda Smith, Brian Silfies, Sandy Howell and Nancy Armstrong ending their council terms. In 2018, we welcome back David Getz for a second council term and Jane Fried, Paul Honett, Vernell Meyers and Dianna Schoenen for their first council terms.

In retrospect to my retrospect, I guess it wasn't really a quiet year at all. We are truly a blessed Congregation to have such dedicated, caring and giving members!

# Emmanuel's 2017 Reports

**Acolyte Report ...** Thank you to the young members of Emmanuel's who are part of this ministry and serve faithfully each week as acolytes at our worship services:

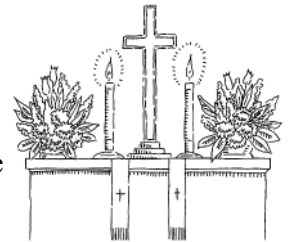
8:00 Service: Volunteers are needed

10:45 Service: Brooke Rosenberger, Rachel Butz, Andrea Davidson, Mercedes Kasper and Taylor Whiteash

If you are interested in serving as an acolyte, please see one of the Pastors or call the church office at 610-837-1741. You do not have to be young in age to be an acolyte - just young in heart. Adults are welcome to sign up! Training will be provided.

**Altar Care Report ... submitted by Denise Druckenmiller:** Thank you to the following people for their help in preparing the table for God's special meal. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Barbara Bennett, Cindy O'Brien, Sandra Frey, Jane Fried, Karl & Sue Monroe, Dee Orris, Cindy Slaton, Brenda Smith and Gloria Wallery.



A special thanks to Gloria Wallery who also helps wash the linens.



**Blood Drive ... submitted by Coordinator, Sandy Frey:** To all our Blood Donors: Thank you to all who donated in 2017. It's one of the greatest gifts anyone could do for someone else. I really appreciate it. We had a blood drive on May 6, 2017 with a total of 19 donations. Our annual total (including those who donated at Miller-Keystone Blood Center) were 38 units of blood donated by 27 individuals. It's very gratifying to see people take time out of their busy schedules to give blood. Thank you and keep on giving!

Just a note: When donating, please make sure to say Emmanuel's Lutheran Church - Bath and our church code is: 0656. Once again, thank you!

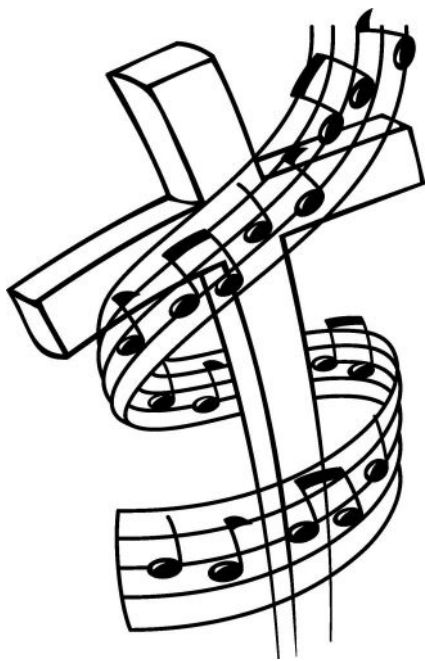
**Cemetery Fund Report ... submitted by Karl Monroe, Cemetery Committee :** For the year ending 2017 - five burials took place and no lots were sold this year. We had a great congregational turn-out for Spring Clean Up and a fair one for Autumn. We took care of clearing road sight-lines through trimming lower tree limbs along Valley View Drive. Minor changes were made to the Cemetery Plot Purchase and Burial Policy clarifying costs and maintenance fees and an appendix was added codifying plot ownership transferal; both were approved by Council. Copies of this policy are available in the church office.

## A Note from Music, submitted by Beth McElroy, Director of Music:

I had the immense blessing to be appointed a member of the Emmanuel's Staff on March 1, 2017. Since then, the wonders of kindness and commitment to music at Emmanuel's have continually unfolded before my eyes. I have been amazed many times over by the support and willingness of many to try new feats at this congregation.

This spring we combined choirs and added brass for our Palm Sunday and Easter Celebrations

This summer we were blessed to have a 13 piece band for the outside 4th of July worship, and a special Bluegrass Service the week of the picnic. The choir decided to "take the show on the road", inviting community members to join us in a cantata about Grace, celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with performances at Luther Crest in Allentown as well as at Emmanuel's. Continuing that celebration, on Reformation Sunday we included a brass choir, complete with Timpani for our 10:45 service.



We hosted a wonderfully attended "Trunk or Treat" Halloween recital event, and our first annual Advent Event, with crafts for all ages, cookies and beautiful performances by the Senior Choir, Bell Choir, and Women's Chorale.

While snow hampered our later Christmas Eve services, those who made it out found wonderful worship to welcome our newborn King, being led by a Woodwind Quartet, String Quartet, Bell Quartet, our very accomplished Praise Band, and a grand finale of our glorious Senior Choir and Bell Choir.

Looking ahead to 2018 we plan to have a "Fun Fastnacht" talent show, a Holy Week Cantata with full orchestra, and Christmas Cantata with String Quartet and Hand bells. I am most excited in 2018 to be welcoming a wonderful colleague to the Music Ministry team at Emmanuel's - our own Bobby Siegfried. Thank you to our many soloists and volunteers who keep the Emmanuel's Music Ministry singing strong!

## Christian Education at Emmanuel's Lutheran ...

Sunday School continued to be successful with the use of the Spark curriculum. It enabled the Sunday School lessons to connect with the weekly lessons/sermon. In September, Sunday School was supported and directed by Heather Bennett-Knerr. She was able to meet with the teachers monthly. Also, Sunday School students now participate in the opening song, the lesson and return for communion at the 9:30 Celebration Service. During Sunday School students have the opportunity to sing and performed during Christmas Eve and other services.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held June 25-29 in the evening. The theme "Maker Fun Factory" was coordinated by Megan Coccetti and Heather Bennett-Knerr. The evenings were supported by high energy volunteers that helped make the teaching and learning so much fun!

In September our Third Graders received their own copy of the Bible.

Catechetical Classes worked with the pastors in retreats and classes throughout the year to prepare for their Confirmation.

Pastor Elizabeth continued to meet weekly with her Ladies Bible Study Group and Pastor Barry offered a Lenten Bible Study called Learning, Loving and Living the Lessons of Lent. A Men's Group was formed and meets on Monday evenings for Bible study and discussion and our Adult Sunday School Class meets on Sunday mornings under the guidance of Kurt Geiger.





**J-Walkers (7-12 Graders) ... submitted by Chris and Samantha Wolf:**

Another year in the books! 2017 has been another fun year for this group of young people. This year has had its challenges, especially weather! Koinonia was cut short by snow, Wildwood and the Philadelphia trip both were interrupted by rain. So hopefully 2018 brings better weather! These kids are troopers and went out and had a great time no matter what the weather brought. We did a few dinners and breakfasts throughout the year. Also,

the kids helped the Moms of Faith with some of their events as well. We only had one graduate in 2017. Thank you for all of the support this congregation gives these kids! They are extremely grateful!

**Moms of Faith....submitted by Heather Bennett-Knerr:** Moms of Faith is a busy group of stay-at-home and working moms. We enjoy spending time together sharing “mommy life”. This year we collaborated with Sunday School and VBS activities and a new Young Youth Group (Grades 1-5).

- Church picnic with games and tractor rides
- Collected socks and body wash for Alexandra Manor (seed money provided by Thrivent action team)
- Christmas caroling at Alexandra Manor
- A trip to Seiples Farm for pumpkin picking and hayride
- Volunteered and participated in VBS
- Volunteered in Sunday School classrooms to support the teachers
- Participated in Family Advent Night (crafts and food seed money provided by Thrivent action team)

We look forward to many other activities, events and fellowship in 2018.



A big THANK-YOU to everyone, young and old, who helps to keep our “church home” (and God’s House) in good order for all our members and guests.

This past summer, B.K. Bennington and Son completed work on the Gathering Area roof and the stained-glass windows in the balcony above the roof to prevent water leaks into the Gathering Area. So far, it seems to have fixed the problem.

Our handyman, Bart Palamaro, continues to be a welcome addition to maintaining the church buildings. This year Bart has tackled projects that include repairing windows, kitchen drawers, pew supports, a variety of doors, clocks, electrical problems, ceiling tiles, leaking toilets, window screens and a host of other things – if it’s broken, Bart will fix it! He also replaced batteries and light bulbs and has completed a painting project in the downstairs hallway to the parlor. Outside maintenance jobs have included repairing/replacing the railings on the schoolhouse, painting warning stripes on the front steps, fixing the timing issues with the parking lot lights and waging a never-ending battle with swallows that seem to think we built the covered walkway just for them to nest in. An ongoing project Bart has tackled is the conversion of all our fluorescent fixtures to LED and the safe disposal of our used fluorescent bulbs and leaking ballasts. He collects monthly water samples and submits them for testing to make sure our water supply stays safe and he makes sure we are always stocked with ice melt during the winter months. Bart makes sure our building and grounds are safe and that our utility systems are up-to-date. A special thank-you to Clint Easton who provides electrical expertise when needed and to Dan Flamisch who assists with plumbing issues. Also, a big thank-you to Kurt Geiger and Bob Radaker who installed an air conditioner (donated by Sullivan Fuel Co. to replace a broken unit) in the office during the heat of the summer and many thanks to Karl Monroe and all who were involved in the Spring and Fall Clean Up Days; much weeding, trimming, raking and general clean-up were accomplished.

We are always looking for volunteers, if you are a plumber, electrician, carpenter, painter, etc... or want to help out please let us know. Volunteering helps us keep costs down and also helps to serve our church and community.



**Outreach Report:** In 2017 Emmanuel's outreach ministries helped others beyond our expectations. Our Birthday Card Ministry continues to brighten our members' "special day"... thank you to Linda Hoch for keeping this ministry going.

The Souper Bowl of Caring was held on February 5, 2017. \$953.20 and over 100 non-perishable food items were donated the Bath Area Food Bank.

We have been helping another local church with their project, collecting aluminum can tabs. The proceeds from the recycling are sent to The Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia to help families of seriously ill children who are hospitalized. Thank you to Sandy Turtzo for coordinating this project.

September 10 was a busy day at Emmanuel's. We started off with outdoor worship over by the pavilion, which was well attended. The ELCA declared this day as "God's work. Our hands" Sunday. Emmanuel's packed 47 personal care kits for Project Promise (Lutheran World Relief). The day continued with our annual church picnic. The fun started at noon...there was plenty of food and you could make your own ice cream sundae.

During the year, Emmanuel's members stepped up and answered the Bath Area Food Bank's plea for non-perishable items, small appliances and gave monetary donations totaling \$4770. Thank you all for your generosity. The Bath Food Bank serves over 200 families a month. A number of our members continue to donate their time by helping at the Food Bank.

Summer of 2017 brought Five Opportunities for Sharing and Caring and Emmanuel's answered the call:

- \$2857 was donated to purchase a new freezer for the Bath Area Food Bank
- \$2090 was donated to repair a broken van wheelchair lift for one of our members
- \$20 was donated to help build new cabins at Bear Creek Camp
- \$40 was donated to help missionary Bob Moyer and the children he serves in Panama
- \$383 was donated for South Sudan Humanitarian Aid

We collected \$595 to help offset the cost of back-to-school backpacks provided to children of families served by the Bath Area Food Bank and donated 36 gift cards (\$25 each) to their Christmas Sharing Project which helped families to purchase Christmas gifts for their children.

Emmanuel's collected school supplies and personal care items for the students at Behavioral Health Associates and helped two Girl Scout Troops work toward their Bronze Awards by donating "comfort items" for care packages for military personnel overseas (Troop 8886) and over 300 pounds of supplies for the animal shelter (Troop 8504). Both troops were able to earn their awards.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons Emmanuel's collected donations for God's Global Barnyard through ELCA Good Gifts. We donated a total of \$3441 to purchase piglets, chicks, roosters, honeybees, and goats as well as water filters, microloans, school fees, uniforms and supplies, Bibles, and also monies to provide food for refugee families and soup kitchens.

We also reached out to Roosevelt Elementary School in the Allentown School District and once again provided gifts to families that the school privately invited (that were facing certain challenges this holiday season) to "shop" for their children free of charge.

As we reach out to the ends of the earth we add these gifts: for world hunger: \$5783, and for disaster relief \$1072.

In addition to these gifts, we continue support of the ELCA and our Synod. Emmanuel's gave a generous tithe of \$37,000 in benevolence - which supports hundreds of ministries throughout our Synod, nation and the world.

When we total it all up, the amazing truth is this: Following Jesus' call, we are giving ourselves away by reaching out locally, regionally, nationally and to the ends of the earth. It feels good to be a part of a congregation that is making a difference as we grow together in Christ's love!



**Social Ministry ...** \$18,128 was used to help others. Emmanuel's members reached out to do their part in 2017 to fulfill Christ's mission. \$3441 was given to the ELCA Good Gifts Projects for Barnyard Animals and gifts to help needy families. \$2857 was given to our social ministry fund, money used to help families and individuals in need.



At Christmas time, we donated gifts for nearby institutions and agencies through the Annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District (NLVMD). On Thursday, December 7, 2017, the Ingathering was held at Shepherd of the Hills, Egypt. We collected and delivered to the Ingathering over four bins full of items for KidsPeace, Gracedale and Sayer Child Center. We also filled three trees with mittens, hats and gloves to bring warmth to children in nearby cities. Every year our church is assigned a gift bag article (25 Chapsticks) and gifts for two children at KidsPeace. Also, the NLVMD has asked each church for a donation of \$20 to help needy families.

**Women's Group @ Emmanuel's Church...submitted by Paulette Obrecht:** Our Women's Group got off to a great start in 2017 – with a full schedule of activities for the entire year.

We began with constructing fleece blankets to share with Lutheran Disaster Response and continued this activity throughout the year, affectionately labeling it “Blankets and Blabbing.” We finished thirteen blankets, thanks to a Thrivent Action grant, and shared them with the students in the Allentown School District who have emigrated from Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. In February we celebrated Valentine's Day with chocolate, morsels of scripture, and a special “chocotivity” to share with someone special in our lives. In March we learned about the work of the March of Dimes and gathered instant cameras and baby items to share with the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Our April activity was opened to all the women in the congregation as we held an “Old-Fashioned Tea Party.” We each brought our own special tea cup – and enjoyed sharing the story behind it. During the summer months, we played miniature golf, planned for a picnic, and a small group of us helped harvest potatoes for the Potato Project (A fun day in the country! You should try it next September!). Then, as we prepared for a busy fall schedule, we soothed our souls by “Drumming Along with June” (June Walker, a music therapist from our own congregation who shared her African drums with us). We wrapped up the year by learning everything there is to know about bagpipes, thanks to local Pipe Major Gene Kutzler; by making Christmas cards and gift bags to share with Emmanuel's homebound members, and by warding off the snow and cold as we shared our caroling talents in December.

Our philosophy as a group is to provide activities that offer fun and fellowship, as well as give us opportunities for becoming engaged in social ministry projects and monthly devotions. Women of the congregation and the guests they bring are invited to come whenever an activity interests them and fits into their schedule. This year we have tried meeting on Mondays (instead of Tuesdays) to accommodate people's schedules, but that change may have affected our attendance (feedback welcomed). We also tried offering some activities during the day for those who do not like to venture out at night.

Our group has been meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm – in the Old Fellowship Hall, unless we have a special event planned. Every month we take an offering to help defray the costs of our activities and we have been taking turns leading the activity, offering devotions, and sharing refreshments. Thank you to everyone who has helped this group function and thrive. Look for the schedule of our activities in the monthly church newsletter and the weekly church bulletins and consider joining us for the fun and fellowship.

**Worship Committee.....submitted by Michele Geiger, Chairperson:**

Committee Members: Barbara Bennett, Beth McElroy, Vernell Meyers, Win Miller, Pastors Barry & Elizabeth Mitchell, Paulette Obrecht, June Walker

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who serve throughout the year as greeters, ushers, readers, acolytes, communion assistants, altar care attendants and media specialists, both upstairs and downstairs. In addition, a special thank you to Louise Diaz and Lynne Ambrose who schedule our volunteers throughout the year. All our volunteers serve tirelessly; we cannot function without them! If you're not currently a volunteer, but would like to be involved, feel free to contact any member of the Worship Committee or the Pastors.

We truly appreciate those who prepare the church and our services for all the different church seasons. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes into these preparations and we couldn't do it without all our volunteers. Thanks go to our musicians, Kids and Senior Choirs and Handbell Ensemble for all the special music they share throughout the year. Special acknowledgement goes to our band/singers at the Contemporary Service in providing music at our Contemporary Service. We said goodbye to Linda Dreisbach as she retired in January; we miss her terribly and thank her for her many years of service to Emmanuel's! We also want to give a huge shout out to June Walker, who served as our Handbell Ensemble Director. She chose to step down at the end of the year and we appreciate her many years of service. A big welcome to our new Organist/Choir Director/Bell Choir Director, Beth McElroy, who joined the team in March. We hope to have Beth with us for many years to come!

A team was created in September to begin the search for an Alternative Worship Leader. A big thank you to Nancy Armstrong, Jan Bourdelle, Michele Geiger (chairperson), Susan Gerken, Sandy Howell, Todd Leibenguth, Pastors Barry & Elizabeth Mitchell, Bob Radaker and Samantha Wolf who served on the committee. The decision was prayerfully made to hire Bobby Siegfried; he will begin his duties in January 2018. Welcome back, Bobby!

We continue to be blessed by our Eucharistic lay leaders who assist the pastors in sharing communion with our homebound members. They are greatly appreciated.

Different events this year included special music on Easter, Affirmation of Baptism on Pentecost for our young people, a special service held at Faith Lutheran to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation, four Christmas Eve services with special music at each service, along with our regular Sunday worship earlier that day and our Christmas Day service. New this year was a cantata held in August; in addition to performing the cantata for our members, we had the honor of performing it for the residents of Luther Crest in Allentown. Special thanks to Beth McElroy for organizing new events to Emmanuel's; Trunk or Treat with the subsequent recital and the Advent Fellowship event were enjoyed by all!

Finally, we thank both Pastors Barry and Elizabeth for their service, dedication and leadership to Emmanuel's and its members. On behalf of the Worship Committee, I thank them for their guidance.



Worship Committee

## 2017 Church Records



The following were baptized during 2016:

|                         |                   |                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sadie Lynn Sabatine     | February 12, 2017 | Logan Lee Kratzer       | July 16, 2017     |
| Savannah Grace Sabatine | February 12, 2017 | Conner Joseph Terleski  | July 23, 2017     |
| Caden Michael Kerrigan  | February 26, 2017 | Matthew Jayden Ahn      | August 6, 2017    |
| Logan Allen Kerrigan    | February 26, 2017 | Sofia Angelleenah Hujsa | August 6, 2017    |
| Elaya Noelle Heintz     | April 16, 2017    | Emma Marie Fink         | August 27, 2017   |
| Samantha Robin Brown    | May 21, 2017      | Annabelle Marie Baltz   | September 3, 2017 |
| Kase Jay Radcliffe      | May 21, 2017      | Eli Thomas Borger       | September 3, 2017 |
|                         |                   | Carolyn Anne Atkinson   | November 12, 2017 |



**Bibles Received:** The following third graders (and others) received their Bibles on Sunday September 24, 2017: Natalie Flamisch, Helen Kreiger, Madison Nunemacher, Zachery Nunemacher, Brooke Rosenberger, Seth Silfies, Kiefer Wallery, and Taylor Whiteash

**First Communion Recipients:** The following young people received their First Communion on October 1, 2017: Matthew Stephen Armstrong, Emma Isabelle Beil, Sara Ann Clewell, Cameron Peter Coccetti, Caden Patrick Dempsey, Leianna Spring Fogel, Avery Joseph Hann, Alexandria Rose Heller, Hannah Catherine Hemak, Helen Rebekah Krieger, Jarret Stephen Lahr, Brooke Abby Rosenberger, Keagan Jaime Siegfried, Seth Brian Silfies, Kiefer Michael Wallery, Alex Joseph Werner, and Taylor Marie Whiteash. Ezekiel (Zeke) Knerr received his First Communion on July 23, 2017.



**Affirmation of Baptism:** Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program for the instruction in the Christian faith. These candidates have made public profession of their faith through the Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the 9:30 Celebration Service. They will now assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community.

Welcome our new Christian adult members:

Jason David Corona, Jr.  
Autumn Evelyn Fogel  
Lauren Kate Groller  
Joseph Nicholas Nemeth

Mary-Lou Poe  
Hailey Rose Rutt  
Brock Thomas Wandler



**Marriages:** Pastor Barry and/or Pastor Elizabeth officiated at the following weddings in 2017:



|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| March 11, 2017     | Patty Lynn Bealer and James Allen Buskirk     |
| June 3, 2017       | Jessica Marie Paulus and Tyler Matthew Dochat |
| June 4, 2017       | Kerri Grube and George Timothy Markert, Jr.   |
| September 30, 2017 | Kelly Marie Jarrell and Emre Labar, Jr.       |

## 2017 Church Records Continued

**Funerals:** The Revs. Barry L. and/or Elizabeth M. Mitchell officiated at the following funerals:

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Judith A. Person         | January 3, 2017    |
| Conrad M. Chroust        | January 4, 2017    |
| David W. Druckenmiller   | May 20, 2017       |
| Nancy A. Stout           | June 23, 2017      |
| Kenneth L. Green         | July 20, 2017      |
| Sheila I. Beslanovits    | September 13, 2017 |
| Marlyn A. Hall, Sr.      | October 12, 2017   |
| Richard E. Paulus        | November 6, 2017   |
| Barbara (Betty) K. Fleck | December 10, 2017  |
| Tara M. Frey             | December 14, 2017  |
| Sandra L. Borger         | December 23, 2017  |



Private 1st Class Casey Baylor - United States Army  
Jonathan Baylor - National Guard  
Captain Benjamin Dudley - United States Army  
Major Annette Iasiello - National Guard Reserves  
Specialist E4 Ryan Myster - National Guard Reserves  
Sergeant Justin Wandler - United States Army

**The following people have transferred their membership from Emmanuel's:**

Dianne M. Edelman to St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hughestown PA  
Lisa Beth (Bonner) Keller to First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Allentown PA

**The following were received as new members to Emmanuel's in 2015:**

Michael Paul Cary and Stephanie E. Thatcher and son Evan Charles Cary  
Erin Bause  
Beth and Stephen McElroy  
Carla Green and sons Joseph and Steven



**Emmanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Comparative Summary of Income and Expense by Fund**

|  | 2017<br>Budget | 2017<br>Actual | 2016<br>Actual | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>                          |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance                            |                | 53,994         | 55,452         |                        |
| General Fund Income:                         |                |                |                |                        |
| Altar Flowers                                |                | 2,655          | 2,360          | 295                    |
| Bulletins                                    |                | 275            | 170            | 105                    |
| Christmas Offering                           |                | 4,957          | 5,388          | (431)                  |
| Easter Offering                              |                | 4,521          | 4,207          | 314                    |
| General Fund Offerring                       |                | 305,540        | 303,970        | 1,570                  |
| Initial Offering                             |                | 880            | 685            | 195                    |
| Lenten Offering                              |                | 3,129          | 3,019          | 110                    |
| Lillie J. Zellner Trust Income               |                | 2,068          | 875            | 1,193                  |
| Other Income                                 |                | 1,748          | 2,935          | (1,187)                |
| Plate Offering                               |                | 11,721         | 12,311         | (590)                  |
| Rental Property                              |                | 8,415          | 6,689          | 1,726                  |
| Sunday School Offering                       |                | 844            | 795            | 49                     |
| Use of Church Facilities                     |                | 560            | 835            | (275)                  |
| Vacation Bible School                        |                | 449            | 416            | 33                     |
| Total General Fund Income                    | 340,104        | 347,762        | 344,655        | 3,107                  |
| <b>General Fund Expenses:</b>                |                |                |                |                        |
| Synod Benevolence                            | 37,000         | 37,000         | 36,000         | 1,000                  |
| Adult Ministries                             | 3,000          | 2,765          | 3,522          | (757)                  |
| Alternative Music Director                   | 10,000         |                |                |                        |
| Bank Service Charge                          | 200            | 437            | 259            | 178                    |
| Bear Creek Summer Camp Support               | 1,000          | 400            | 800            | (400)                  |
| Christian Education Expenses                 | 4,000          | 2,899          | 3,641          | (742)                  |
| Contribution Envelopes                       | 3,000          | 2,816          | 2,839          | (23)                   |
| Electric                                     | 8,000          | 6,567          | 6,563          | 4                      |
| Equipment repair and replacement             | 3,000          | 2,311          | 4,183          | (1,872)                |
| Fuel Oil or Propane                          | 8,000          | 8,784          | 8,240          | 544                    |
| Handbell Director                            | 3,120          | 520            | 3,060          | (2,540)                |
| Handyman                                     | 1,500          | 1,858          | 1,286          | 572                    |
| Insurance - Directors and Officers Liability | 900            | 900            | 900            | -                      |
| Insurance - Property                         | 6,500          | 6,628          | 8,033          | (1,405)                |
| Insurance - Workers Comp                     | 1,800          | 1,955          | 1,664          | 291                    |
| Office Supplies                              | 2,000          | 1,786          | 2,342          | (556)                  |
| Organist                                     | 21,445         | 20,612         | 17,340         | 3,272                  |
| Outreach                                     | 1,000          | 334            | 784            | (450)                  |
| Pastor One Salary                            | 44,715         | 44,715         | 44,555         | 160                    |
| Pastor Two Salary                            | 44,715         | 44,715         | 44,555         | 160                    |
| Pastors Housing                              | 29,000         | 29,000         | 27,000         | 2,000                  |
| Pastors Continuing Education                 | 1,600          | 1,600          | 1,600          | -                      |
| Pastors Pension/Insurance                    | 40,148         | 39,741         | 38,469         | 1,272                  |
| Pastors Professional Expenses                | 1,500          | 995            | 891            | 104                    |
| Pastors mileage reimbursement                | 6,000          | 4,556          | 5,200          | (644)                  |
| Payroll Taxes                                | 5,611          | 4,625          | 4,386          | 239                    |
| Postage                                      | 2,100          | 1,589          | 2,215          | (626)                  |
| Property Expenses                            | 10,000         | 6,458          | 11,874         | (5,416)                |
| Property Taxes                               | 4,700          | 4,270          | 4,524          | (254)                  |
| Secretary                                    | 25,932         | 24,587         | 23,177         | 1,410                  |
| Sexton - Cleaning                            | 14,280         | 14,785         | 13,250         | 1,535                  |
| Sexton - Security                            | 500            | 500            | 500            | -                      |

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**Comparative Summary of Income and Expense by Fund**

|  | 2017<br>Budget | 2017<br>Actual | 2016<br>Actual | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>General Fund Expenses (continued)</b> |                |                |                |                        |
| Snow Removal                             | 7,000          | 4,100          | 2,800          | 1,300                  |
| Stewardship                              | 1,000          | -              | -              | -                      |
| Telephone                                | 2,500          | 1,313          | 1,534          | (221)                  |
| Worship and Music                        | 11,000         | 15,354         | 15,128         | 226                    |
| Youth Ministry                           | 6,000          | 5,989          | 3,000          | 2,989                  |
| Total General Fund Expenses              | <u>373,766</u> | <u>347,462</u> | <u>346,113</u> | <u>1,349</u>           |
| Revenue Over (Under) Expenses            |                | <u>300</u>     | <u>(1,458)</u> |                        |
| General Fund Ending Balance              |                | <u>54,294</u>  | <u>53,994</u>  | 300                    |
| <b>Building Fund</b>                     |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance                        |                | 53,928         | 55,481         |                        |
| Income                                   |                |                |                |                        |
| Contributions                            |                | 52,186         | 50,630         | 1,556                  |
| Investment income                        |                | 1,281          | 548            |                        |
| Total Income                             |                | <u>53,467</u>  | <u>51,178</u>  |                        |
| Expenses                                 |                |                |                |                        |
| New Building                             |                | -              | 2,999          |                        |
| Install driveway at rental property      |                | -              | 6,100          |                        |
| Fidelity bond for Penn DOT               |                | 374            |                |                        |
| Mortgage principal payments              |                | 21,891         | 21,034         |                        |
| Additional principal payments            |                | 9,461          |                |                        |
| Mortgage interest payments               |                | 21,741         | 22,598         |                        |
| Total Expenses                           |                | <u>53,467</u>  | <u>52,731</u>  |                        |
| Building Fund Ending Balance             |                | <u>53,928</u>  | <u>53,928</u>  |                        |
| <b>Cemetery Fund</b>                     |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance                        |                | 87,088         | 82,036         |                        |
| Cemetery Fund Income                     |                |                |                |                        |
| Grave Services                           |                | 5,000          | 2,760          |                        |
| Investment Income                        |                | 1,877          | 987            |                        |
| Sale of lots                             |                | 1,009          | 8,195          |                        |
| Total Income                             |                | <u>7,886</u>   | <u>11,942</u>  |                        |
| Expenses                                 |                |                |                |                        |
| Cemetery mowing                          |                | 9,826          | 6,890          |                        |
| Cemetery Fund Ending Balance             |                | <u>85,148</u>  | <u>87,088</u>  | (1,940)                |
| <b>Improvement Fund</b>                  |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance                        |                | 17,203         | 19,819         |                        |
| Improvement Fund Income:                 |                |                |                |                        |
| Improvement Fund Offering                |                | 2,343          | 2,340          | 3                      |
| Investment Income                        |                | 202            | 179            |                        |
| New chairs                               |                | -              | 2,370          |                        |
| Total Income                             |                | <u>2,545</u>   | <u>4,889</u>   |                        |
| Expenses:                                |                |                |                |                        |
| Replace Air Cond unit for sanctuary      |                | 6,736          |                |                        |
| Steeple and window repairs               |                | 11,198         |                |                        |
| New chairs                               |                |                | 5,335          |                        |
| Remove two large trees                   |                |                | 2,170          |                        |
| Total Expenses                           |                | <u>17,934</u>  | <u>7,505</u>   |                        |
| Improvement Fund Ending Balance          |                | <u>1,814</u>   | <u>17,203</u>  | (15,389)               |

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**Comparative Summary of Income and Expense by Fund**

|                                     | 2017<br>Budget | 2017<br>Actual | 2016<br>Actual | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Memorial Fund</b>                |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance                   |                | 34,401         | 34,913         |                        |
| Memorial Fund Income:               |                |                |                |                        |
| Memorial Fund Gifts                 |                | 1,860          | 1,850          |                        |
| Memorial Fund Interest              |                | 708            | 382            |                        |
| Total Income                        |                | <u>2,568</u>   | <u>2,232</u>   |                        |
| Memorial Fund Expenses:             |                |                |                |                        |
| Banners for worship                 |                | 1,397          |                |                        |
| Wireless monitor system for band    |                | 2,160          |                |                        |
| New stoves for kitchen              |                | 1,178          |                |                        |
| Sunday School items                 |                | 87             |                |                        |
| Equipment for contemporary worship  |                |                | 388            |                        |
| Youth Ministry                      |                |                | 2,356          |                        |
| Total Expenses                      |                | <u>4,822</u>   | <u>2,744</u>   |                        |
| Memorial Fund Ending Balance        |                | <u>32,147</u>  | <u>34,401</u>  | (2,254)                |
| <b>Social Ministry Fund</b>         |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance                   |                | 2,839          | 5,134          |                        |
| Social Ministry Fund Income:        |                |                |                |                        |
| Bath Area Food Bank                 |                | 4,042          | 3,111          |                        |
| Bear Creek Camp                     |                | 20             |                |                        |
| Bob Moyer Missionary                |                | 40             | -              |                        |
| David Schramel Van repair           |                | 2,090          |                |                        |
| Disaster Relief - ELCA              |                | 1,072          | 525            |                        |
| ELCA Good Gifts                     |                | 3,169          | 2,225          |                        |
| Social Ministry contributions       |                | 2,857          | 4,263          |                        |
| Souper Sunday                       |                | 658            | 550            |                        |
| South Sudan humanitarian aid        |                | 383            |                |                        |
| World Hunger Income                 |                | 3,430          | 4,790          |                        |
| World Vision Gifts                  |                | 2,353          |                |                        |
| Total Income                        |                | <u>20,114</u>  | <u>15,464</u>  |                        |
| Social Ministry Fund Expenses:      |                |                |                |                        |
| Bath Area Food Bank                 |                | 4,700          | 3,660          |                        |
| Bear Creek Camp                     |                | 20             |                |                        |
| Bob Moyer Missionary                |                | 40             |                |                        |
| David Schramel Van repair           |                | 2,090          |                |                        |
| Disaster Relief                     |                | 1,072          | 525            |                        |
| ELCA Good Gifts                     |                | 3,169          | 2,225          |                        |
| Social Ministry gifts other         |                | 871            | 6,559          |                        |
| South Sudan humanitarian aid        |                | 383            |                |                        |
| World Hunger Appeal                 |                | 3,430          | 4,790          |                        |
| World Vision                        |                | 2,353          |                |                        |
| Total Expenses                      |                | <u>18,128</u>  | <u>17,759</u>  |                        |
| Social Ministry Fund Ending Balance |                | <u>4,825</u>   | <u>2,839</u>   | 1,986                  |
| <b>Lillie J. Zellner Trust Fund</b> |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance                   |                | 68,729         | 68,729         |                        |
| Investment Income                   |                | 2,068          | 874            |                        |
| Transfer Income to General Fund     |                | (2,068)        | (874)          |                        |
| Ending Balance                      |                | <u>68,729</u>  | <u>68,729</u>  |                        |



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Comparative Summary of Income and Expense by Fund**

|                                 | 2017<br>Budget | 2017<br>Actual | 2016<br>Actual | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Education Endowment Fund</b> |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance               |                | 10,615         | 10,505         |                        |
| Investment Income               |                | 228            | 110            |                        |
| Ending Balance                  |                | <u>10,843</u>  | <u>10,615</u>  | 228                    |
| Principal                       | 9,991          |                |                |                        |
| <b>SWIM Ministry</b>            |                |                |                |                        |
| Beginning Balance               |                | 4,939          | 4,489          |                        |
| Income                          |                | 450            | 450            |                        |
| Ending Balance                  |                | <u>4,939</u>   | <u>4,939</u>   |                        |

**Emmanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Balance Sheet - Current vs. Prior Year  
All Funds**

|   | Balances<br>12/31/17 | Balances<br>12/31/16 | Increase<br>(Decrease) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                                    |                      |                      |                        |
| Wachovia Bank, Business Checking / Savings        | 32,617               | 21,678               |                        |
| ELCA Mission Investment Fund Money Market Account | 123,391              | 141,757              |                        |
| ELCA Mission Investment Fund CD's                 | 175,069              | 169,992              |                        |
| New Tripoli Bank                                  | 9,474                | 9,446                |                        |
| Prepaid expenses                                  | 276                  | 300                  |                        |
| New Building                                      | 1,170,087            | 1,170,087            |                        |
| Total Assets                                      | <u>1,510,914</u>     | <u>1,513,260</u>     |                        |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                               |                      |                      |                        |
| Accounts Payable and Deferred Revenue             | 24,160               | 9,437                |                        |
| Mission Investment Fund Mortgage                  | 522,124              | 553,476              | (31,352)               |
| <b>Fund Balances:</b>                             |                      |                      |                        |
| General Fund                                      | 54,294               | 53,994               | 300                    |
| Building Fund                                     | 53,928               | 53,928               |                        |
| Cemetery Fund                                     | 85,148               | 87,088               | (1,940)                |
| Education Endowment Fund                          | 10,843               | 10,615               | 228                    |
| Improvement Fund                                  | 1,814                | 17,203               | (15,389)               |
| Memorial Fund                                     | 32,147               | 34,401               | (2,254)                |
| Social Ministry Fund                              | 4,825                | 2,839                | 1,986                  |
| Lillie J. Zellner Trust Fund                      | 68,729               | 68,729               |                        |
| SWIM Ministry                                     | 4,939                | 4,939                |                        |
| New Building Equity                               | 647,964              | 616,612              | 31,352                 |
| Total Fund Balances                               | <u>964,630</u>       | <u>950,347</u>       |                        |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances               | <u>1,510,914</u>     | <u>1,513,260</u>     |                        |

**Emmanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2018 Proposed Budget**

|              |   | <b>2018</b>    | Increase       | <b>2017</b>    |
|--------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Notes</u> |   | <b>Budget</b>  | (Decrease)     | <b>Budget</b>  |
|              | <b>General Fund Expenses</b>  |                |                |                |
| 1            | Adult Ministries and Fellowship   | 3,000          | -              | 3,000          |
|              | Bank Service Charges  | 450            | 250            | 200            |
| 2            | Bear Creek Summer Camp for youth  | 1,000          | -              | 1,000          |
| 3            | Christian Education   | 3,000          | (1,000)        | 4,000          |
|              | Contribution Envelopes  | 3,000          | -              | 3,000          |
|              | Electric  | 8,000          | -              | 8,000          |
| 4            | Equipment repair and replacement  | 3,000          | -              | 3,000          |
|              | Propane   | 7,000          | (1,000)        | 8,000          |
| 5            | Insurance   | 8,200          | (1,000)        | 9,200          |
|              | Office Supplies   | 2,000          | -              | 2,000          |
| 6            | Outreach  | 1,000          | -              | 1,000          |
| 7            | Pastors and Staff Salaries  | 197,740        | 2,533          | 195,207        |
| 8            | Pastors' Benefits/Pension   | 42,190         | 2,042          | 40,148         |
|              | Pastors' Continuing Education   | 1,600          | -              | 1,600          |
|              | Pastors' Professional Expenses  | 1,500          | -              | 1,500          |
| 9            | Pastors' mileage reimbursement  | 6,000          | -              | 6,000          |
|              | Payroll Taxes   | 5,710          | 99             | 5,611          |
|              | Postage   | 2,100          | -              | 2,100          |
|              | Property Expenses   | 5,000          | (5,000)        | 10,000         |
|              | Property Taxes  | 4,700          | -              | 4,700          |
|              | Snow Removal  | 7,000          | -              | 7,000          |
|              | Stewardship programs  | 1,000          | -              | 1,000          |
| 10           | Synod Benevolence   | 37,000         | -              | 37,000         |
| 11           | Telephone and internet  | 1,350          | (1,150)        | 2,500          |
| 12           | Worship and Music   | 12,000         | 1,000          | 11,000         |
|              | Youth Ministry  | 7,000          | 1,000          | 6,000          |
|              | <b>Total General Fund Budget</b>  | <b>371,540</b> | <b>(2,226)</b> | <b>373,766</b> |
| <u>Notes</u> |   |                |                |                |
| 1            | Fellowship, coffee hours, Synod convention  |                |                |                |
| 2            | Emmanuel's underwrites cost by \$100 per youth  |                |                |                |
| 3            | Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Catechetical Class  |                |                |                |
| 4            | Copier maintenance, Church software license, equipment replacement  |                |                |                |
| 5            | Property, liability, workers comp and officers liability insurance  |                |                |                |
| 6            | Saturation mailings for Easter, VBS, SS and Christmas   |                |                |                |
| 7            | Pastors, Secretary, Organist, Handbell and Choir Director, Sexton,<br>Handyman and Alternative Music Director   |                |                |                |
| 8            | Rates are set annually by ELCA Board of Pensions  |                |                |                |
| 9            | For travel related to church business, visitations, meetings, etc.  |                |                |                |
| 10           | Annual commitment to support missions of the Synod and ELCA   |                |                |                |
| 11           | Church phones and internet service  |                |                |                |
| 12           | Worship, communion and altar supplies; supply Pastors and Organists;<br>altar flowers; music for choir and handbells; misc equipment for worship;<br>music and video licenses; piano tuning |                |                |                |

# Hospital Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Gracedale County Home  
14 Gracedale Avenue  
Nazareth, PA 18064  
Main Number ..... 610-829-3400

Easton Hospital  
250 South 21st Street  
Easton, PA 18014  
Main Number ..... 610-250-4000

Gnadden Hutten Hospital (Blue Mountain Health System)  
211 North 12th St.  
Lehighon, PA 18235  
Main Number ..... 610-377-1300

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital  
501 St. John Street  
Allentown, PA 18103  
Patient Information .....1-888-447-3422

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Care Center  
c/o Lehigh Valley Hospital—Muhlenberg  
Westgate Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18017  
Patient Information ..... 610-807-5600

Lehigh Valley Health Network (Cedar Crest)  
1200 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard  
Allentown, PA 18105  
Patient Information ..... 610-402-8000

Lehigh Valley Health Network (17th & Chew)  
1627 W. Chew Street  
Allentown, PA 18104  
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Center for Orthopedic Medicine  
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Palmerton, PA 18071  
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Sacred Heart Health Care System  
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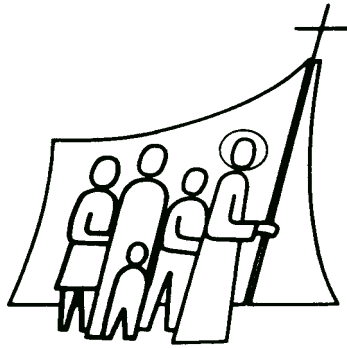
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