



Emmanuel's Informer

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SEPTEMBER 2018



September 9 - Outdoor Worship Bluegrass Service

On Sunday, September 9 we will be having one outdoor worship service at 9:30am. Come and join us over at the pavilion. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and/or blanket.

"God's Work. Our Hands Sunday"

Join us after worship to work on this year's projects. Currently we have 2 small home improvement projects for 2 families in our community. If you know of others that may need help, please let us know. We will also be building Baby Care Kits in old FH. See page 19 for more details.

Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 9 (rain or shine) from noon - 5:00pm. Please sign up to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. There will be bingo, a cake walk, activities for the children, cart rides and, of course, ice cream. SWiM will be playing beginning at 1pm.



Emmanuel's Fall Schedule Begins September 16

8:00 - Spirited Traditional Worship in sanctuary

9:30 - Sunday School for children and adults

9:30 - Celebration Worship in fellowship hall

10:45 - Spirited Traditional Worship in sanctuary



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins September 16 at 9:30am

September is here and Emmanuel's Sunday School is ready to welcome our students. Our teachers are excited and ready to teach and share Jesus' love. See inside for more details.

Presented by Kristen Edelman-Weiner from Thrivent

Sunday, September 16 from 2 - 4 pm in Fellowship Hall



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“Smiling Through Your Senior Years” Make your gold years great years!

Join us for an entertaining and uplifting afternoon with Lehigh Valley experts who will share strategies for mental, physical and financial wellness. We will be serving pie and ice cream.

Be sure to sign up to attend this fun and informative event!



September— Bath Food Bank

During the month of September Emmanuel's Lutheran Church will help the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting **canned chicken or tuna**.

The food bank **will no longer accept Jell-o or pudding!**

Grocery gift cards (preferably Ahart's) are needed for emergencies. Please drop all gift cards in an envelope marked “Food Bank” on the church secretary's desk or please give it to one of the Pastors.

The Bath Area Food Bank is also in need of monetary donations which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give. There are currently 256 families registered at the Bath Food Bank.



Emmanuel's Lutheran Church is excited to start a new Sunday School format. We have used this format during VBS and now it is coming to you in a modified form on a Sunday morning. Students will participate in learning about a Bible story during the month in areas such as Art Zone, KidVid Cinema, Bible Discovery and Activate

Faith. This will be for our students in Kindergarten-5th Grade. Our Pre-K students (ages 3 and 4) will still have an opportunity to learn too! They will be in the classroom next to our contemporary service. Grades 6-7-8 will also have their own class.

Please come help to teach our children! We need your support for just 2 weeks. During that 2 weeks, you will engage our students in the Bible story from 9:30-10:15am (or earlier). The plans, materials, and students will be ready for you. Just read the lesson prior to your weeks. Again, please consider helping our Sunday School program!



Welcome to Sunday School!
Who? Children Ages 3 & 4 and Grades K-8
Date: September 16
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Old Fellowship Hall

Teachers are needed for our new format. Use this link to sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aa8a723aafd0-sunday>

Or contact Heather Bennett-Knerr at 610-392-9750

Sunday School Registration Form

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____

Health Concerns _____

Will you be attending worship during Sunday School? Y / N

(Please complete a separate Registration Form for each child.)

1st Year Cat Class Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting for the 2018-19 catechetical year will be held Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00pm in old Fellowship Hall. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend. The schedule for the year and an overview of the program will be our topics for this 45 minute meeting.

Please bring your personal/school calendars and any questions you may have about catechetical class.

Cat class is held on a Sunday evening in the downstairs parlor from 6:30—8:00pm. Class dates for this fall are: September 16 & 30, October 14 & 28 and November 11 & 25. There are no Sunday evening classes in December.



First Communion Invitation

Our first communion classes will be offered on Monday evenings, September 24 and October 1 from 7 - 8pm. We will meet in the old fellowship hall.

Students will receive their first communion on **Sunday, October 7, 2018** and are welcome to worship with their families at whatever service the family chooses. We will recognize all of the students by sharing their names at all of our services.



We will open the class to students from second grade on up whose parents have decided that they are ready to receive the sacrament.

In the past, we have followed a suggestion made by the Lutheran Church in America more than 30 years ago to have students wait until they are in the fifth grade or about 10 years old.

The ELCA is now leaving this decision up to individual congregations and their pastors. Communion is a gift given to us by Christ. We hope that gift will be cherished and understood as a gift from God.

We have decided at this time to let parents work with the pastors to decide when is the best time for their children to begin receiving communion. If your child is younger than 2nd grade, please contact the Pastors.

If you have questions about this or would like to speak to the Pastors about this, please call the church office to make an appointment. It is not necessary to wait for the annual class – this can be done anytime during the year.

J-Walkers - Come and Join the FUN!

Join us at J-Walkers. All teens in grades 7-12 are welcome! Meetings are every other week at 6pm and we meet in the Schoolhouse. Any questions call or text Chris (610) 554-0140 or Samantha Wolf (484) 330-9864. Listed are our meeting dates:

September 9: Meeting 6-7pm Foods Around the World

September 21: Phantoms Game

September 23: Meeting 6-7pm Moses & the 10 Plagues of Egypt

October 7: Meeting 6-7pm Blackout Scavenger Hunt

October 21: Koinonia

November 4: Meeting 6-7pm Sunday Game Day

November 18: Meeting 6-7pm Challenge Jeopardy

December 2: Meeting 6-7pm Fear Factor

December 16: Christmas Party 6 - 7:30pm

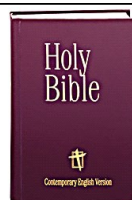
December 30: No meeting

Third Grade Bible Class Meeting

Following a long standing tradition, the people of Emmanuel's Church are ready to present 3rd graders with a Bible "Contemporary English Version" of their own.

We would like to invite all 3rd graders and their parents to a very important and special evening of learning. **Monday, September 17, 2018 beginning at 7:00pm in the old Fellowship Hall**, we are offering "An Introduction to the Bible for Third Graders". This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the most important book you will ever own and read. The Pastor will help you to understand the history, the basic content and some special secrets that will enhance your Bible reading and study for a lifetime.

All 3rd graders will receive a letter. Please let the office know if you have not received yours. Bibles will be handed out at the beginning of the 9:30 Celebration Service in the Fellowship Hall on September 23.



Reminder: Your Redner's Rewards Card **MUST** be used to participate in this program.

Please remember to turn in your Redner's receipts. All receipts are totaled and submitted to Redner's. A check will come to the church and be deposited into the Youth Group account. If you have any questions, please contact: **Cheryl Reeser at 610-759-6492.**

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Marilyn Angst	David Getz	Win Miller	Dianna Schoenen
Kristin Butz	John Hemak*	Pastor Barry Mitchell	Samantha Wolf
Jane Fried*	Paul Honett	Pastor Elizabeth Mitchell	
Michele Geiger	Vernell Meyers	Bob Radaker	* denotes not in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bob Radaker.

Devotions: None.

Pastors' Report: Report placed on file; Scott Paradise, St. Paul's, Catasauqua elected as new Mission District Dean.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Michele Geiger and seconded by Win Miller to approve May 2018 minutes; motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report: Placed on file. Jane Fried is working with Bob Bennett to assist him with his duties with intent of her assuming position when Bob retires.

Treasurer Report: Placed on file.

Old Business:

Estate Update: Bob Radaker to contact estate attorney to obtain update.

Synod Assembly: Pastor Barry reported on Synod Assembly. Barbara and Bob Bennett were delegates. This was final synod assembly for the pastors prior to their retirement.

Church Directory: Marilyn Angst and Lynne Ambrose met and discussed options; they are recommending a company called Re:MEMBER. A motion was made by Kristin Butz and seconded by Paul Honett to approve this company to publish our new directory; motion carried. The company will be contacted with the hope that pictures can be done this summer, with the directory published prior to year's end. At the same time as directory being created, a data base will be formed with members' occupations, hobbies, and any trades they are skilled at.

Website Update: Samantha Wolf will confirm that Brian Baylor still planning on keeping website updated.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: Discussed requests for waste receptacle to discard trash in cemetery. Will look in to what other cemeteries do and discuss at next meeting.

Christian Ed: New Sunday School trial program was popular with students. Pastor Elizabeth has worked with Heather Bennett-Knerr to develop a three year cycle of bible stories to use.

Financial Audit: To be discussed with John Hemak.

HR: Still in need of a chair person. Security Task Force will meet during summer to develop a job description and salary for security position with plans to advertise for position with hopes of having position filled by September. Nancy Armstrong will be contacted as she has offered to assist with opening/closing church when she is available.

Memorial: Generous donation made to Emmanuel's as a thank you to Bobby Siegfried for assisting at a funeral from church he was previously employed at; will be used towards purchase of sound board in fellowship hall.

Property: Property Committee needs to re-group, Paul Honett will consider serving as Chair. Per Bart Palamaro, 43 light fixtures have been converted to LED tubes/fixtures. Eight fixtures still need to be

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

replaced/converted. In addition, there are 24 fixtures in the old fellowship hall that were replaced during renovations with newer tubes; as they are replaced they will need be disposed of properly. A suggestion has been made to paint windows on outside of original building. Estimates still being obtained for upstairs bathrooms. New dishwasher has been ordered. Insurance to pay for damages in women's bathroom outside new fellowship hall.

Transition Committee: Plans to form this committee by end of summer to assist in smooth transition as Pastors retire and Interim Pastor named. This is different from a Call Committee.

Worship: There will be an additional outdoor service on 8/19/18. The keyboard for the balcony being donated by an anonymous donor has been ordered. All old hymnals no longer being used will be offered to the congregation, any remaining will be offered to congregations in the NEPA Synod.

Youth:

- J-Walkers – The group will be going boating on 7/28/18. Aubrey Bealer, a new high school graduate, is interested in assisting with the youth group.
- I-Walkers – No report.

New Business:

- Suggestions are needed for God's Work, Our Hands, which will be held in conjunction with the church picnic on 9/9/18. Dianna Schoenen and Kristin Butz are planning a Thrivent Action Team workshop this summer; some ideas may come from this meeting. It was suggested that the mayor of Bath be contacted; she may be aware of some needs in the community. A committee needs to be formed.
- The re-mortgage paperwork has been signed.

Next Meeting: Thursday July 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Win Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Kristin Butz, motion carried, and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Geiger for
Jane E. Fried, Council Secretary



**Church
Picnic!**

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Noon - 5:00pm at the Pavilion

**Food - Fun - Games
Tractor Rides - Bingo
Cake Walk - Music (SWiM)**

Please sign up to join the fun!



Emmanuel's Night
at

The PPL Center in Allentown

Friday, November 9 Game time 7:05 pm

Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs. Springfield Thunderbirds

Tickets are \$19.00 each (Section 202)

Please sign up - deadline for tickets is October 7

Payment is due at time of sign up - make checks payable to "Emmanuel's Church"



A New Pictorial Directory

It's time to update our information!

Thanks to all those who had their photo taken or submitted a picture.

To everyone else: We're sorry you missed the photo sessions but we still need your updated contact information (address, phones, email, etc.)

Please contact the church office by **September 17** with your information. You can:

Call: 610-837-1741

eMail: emmanuelchurch@gmail.com

Text: 610-597-8003 (Lynne)

Drop it in the offering basket

Drop it in the office

Send it in the mail

Our directory won't be complete without you!



Fall Blood Drive

Our Fall Blood Drive will be on **October 27, 2018**. Look for more details and sign up sheets in the next month. Maybe we can surpass our record of 23 donations!!!



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday will be **Sunday, September 9, 2018**. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical

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in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: **that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.** You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018!

There will be outdoor worship (Bluegrass) on this Sunday (weather permitting) with one service at 9:30am. We will then help two members of our community with small home improvement projects. We will also be assembling Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief. See page 19 for more details. If you would like to help with these projects, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

Our Church Picnic will follow at 12 noon - 5pm. See page 7 for details.



Deadline for October Informer articles is Monday, September 17, 2018.

Monthly Attendance for June, 2018

Sunday School	Week of	Contemp 7:00pm. Wed	9:30am Traditional	9:30am Celebration	Worship Total
	June 3	7	108	102	217
	June 10	11	53	130	194
	June 17	13	60	107	180
	June 24	8	48	184	240
	Totals	39	269	523	831

Average worship attendance: 208

Monthly Attendance for July, 2018

Sunday School	Week of	Contemp 7:00pm. Wed	9:30am Traditional	9:30am Celebration	Worship Total
	July 1		Outside Worship (moved inside due to extreme heat) 132		132
	July 8		62	103	165
	July 15	14	(Heavy Thunderstorms) 43	67	124
	July 22	9	70	113	192
	July 29	7	72	107	186
	Totals	30	287	482	799

Average worship attendance: 160



Sunday, September 2 at the 9:30 Traditional Service.
Let us know your favorite hymns!

Choir Rehearsals

Senior Choir Wednesday, September 5 at 7:45pm
(no rehearsal 9/12)

Bell Choir.....Tuesdays at 7:45pm (already started)

Youth Choir Sunday, September 16 at 9:05am

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

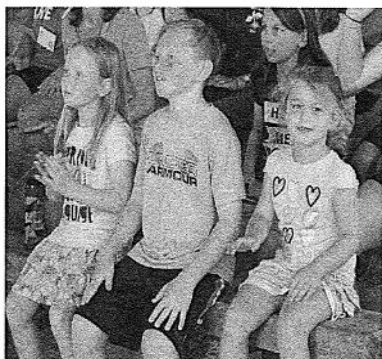
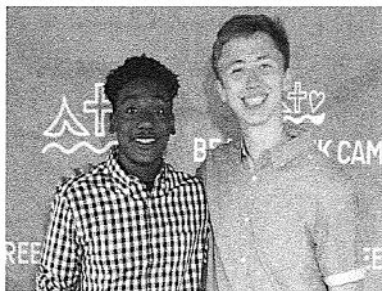
Bear Creek Camp 2018 – This Changes Everything!

It's been a great summer at Bear Creek Camp as the campers and staff continue to grow, celebrate, and explore God's amazing creation!

Campers (Youth and Families) have a great week all over the camp's nearly 3,000 acres (Largest in the ELCA) by hiking, swimming, zip-lining, and enjoying many large and small group activities. The experiential opportunities created at the camp make relationship building a priority. Each camper has an unlimited amount of time to build friendships with the other campers as well as their counselors. In those relationships God's grace is seen, felt, and experienced; and lives are changed. Campers are sent home to be vessels of this grace and to share it with those in their families, congregations, and communities.

This summer Bear Creek Camp will see its attendance rise for the 6th straight summer with a growth rate of over 75% since 2012. Because of the support of the two partner synods (the Northeastern and Southeastern PA Synods), congregations, families and individuals, this ministry is thriving and raising up leaders for the church.

Your support for BCC is not just a donation, it's an investment in the leadership development of our church, and those investments are needed now and always.



Update from Assembly 2018

One of the service projects at the 2018 Synod Assembly, held at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, was an opportunity to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly to The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Food Bank.

Recently a "Thank-you" arrived, acknowledging that 634 pounds of peanut butter and jelly were received from our Assembly.

The donation was primarily used to supplement the many summer children's lunch programs throughout the 5 county area of northeast Pennsylvania.

Overall, the Weinberg Food Bank works to ease the pain of hunger in the elderly, children, and people who need nutrients; and by doing the Food Bank works to grow, learn, work, and give hope for a brighter future.

Always Being Made New Sunday - October 7

As the Campaign for the ELCA approaches its final year, let's focus on finishing strong. Congregations are encouraged to receive a special offering for the campaign on October 7, or conduct a special appeal for the campaign on or near that date.

For details about the campaign, or to order campaign envelopes, check the ELCA website at <http://elca.org/Campaign-for-the-ELCA>.

ELCA National Youth Gathering Houston, Texas



On June 27 more than 30,000 ELCA youth and adults, including nearly 600 from our synod, came to Houston for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering under the theme: "This Changes Everything."

Each day there were opportunities to participate in a variety

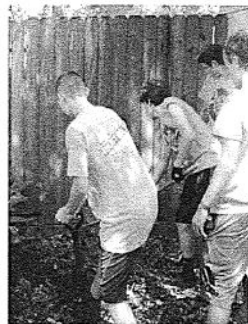
of events: Community Life, Service Learning, Interactive Learning, and Bible Study. Then in the evening, everyone gathered at NRG Stadium for a **Mass Gathering**, which featured music from the house band and several guest artists.

Community Life events included games, live stages, and a place to connect with others and generally relax. There were also **bible studies** led by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Rev. Tuhina Rasche, Rev. Aaron Fuller, and Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.

Service Learning events provided an opportunity to join with one of nearly 100 service learning partners and engage in a service project in the Houston area, including minor home repairs, community gardens, graffiti abatement, painting the homes, murals, landscaping, window washing, power washing, mulching, trimming, lawn cutting, and other services.

Interactive Learning events invited participants to encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences inside the over 700,000 square feet Interactive Learning space. From sports to creative expressions, service projects to quiet meditation, Interactive Learning offered something for everyone.

Over 40,000 books were collected and then distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city. The Sunday morning offering was split among the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Prison Congregations of America, and ELCA Global Ministries. And a **special offering of over \$200,000** was collected for ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge.



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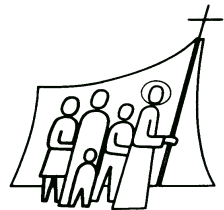
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 AM Celebration Service - FH 9:30 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	27	28 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	29 7:00 PM Worship	30	31	1
2 Donuts provided by Thrivent 9:00 AM Celebration Service - FH 9:30 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	3 Labor Day - Office Closed	4 7:00 PM Cat Class 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00 PM Worship 7:45 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg - Office	7	8
9 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship (Bluegrass) 10:30 AM God's Work, Our Hands Projects 12:00 PM Church Picnic 6:00 PM J-Walkers - Schoolhouse	10	11 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00 PM Worship	13 7:00 PM Church Council - old FH	14	15
16 FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS 9:00 AM Traditional Service - Sanctuary 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Celebration Service - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School Begins 10:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 2:00 PM Thrivent Event - Smiling Through Your Senior Years - FH 6:30 PM 1st yr. Cat. Class - DP	17 Deadline to submit Informor Articles 7:00 PM 3rd Grade Bible Class	18 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	19 7:00 PM Worship 7:45 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal	20	21 J-Walkers - Phantom's Game 1:00 PM Needlecrafters	22
23 9:00 AM Traditional Service - Sanctuary 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM 3rd Graders receive Bibles 9:30 AM Celebration Service - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 6:00 PM J-Walkers - Schoolhouse	24 7:00 PM First Communion Class	25 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	26 7:00 PM Worship 7:45 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
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Donations Account Balances (06/01/2018 - 06/30/2018)

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Period Activity
YTD Balance

Giving Accounts			
100 - Regular Offering		22,226.00	138,523.40
	Total Regular Offering	\$22,226.00	\$138,523.40
110 - Plate Offering		538.04	4,816.58
	Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$22,764.04	\$143,339.98
122 - Easter Offering		0.00	4,341.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering		0.00	420.00
124 - Initial Offering		0.00	490.00
125 - Lent Offering		0.00	2,057.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering		0.00	1,282.00
	Total Special	\$0.00	\$8,690.00
130 - Miscellaneous Income		200.00	200.00
131 - Flowers		275.00	1,755.00
132 - Bulletins		24.00	126.00
133 - Easter Flowers		0.00	576.00
136 - Church house		0.00	3,258.42
	Total Misc. Offerings	\$499.00	\$5,915.42
	Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$23,263.04	\$157,845.40
200 - Building Offering		2,918.00	17,649.00
220 - Improvement Offering		5,253.00	6,366.00
	Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$8,171.00	\$24,015.00
138 - Use of Church Facilities		0.00	450.00
140 - Snow Removal		0.00	381.00
146 - Music Ministry		0.00	1,115.00
250 - Kitchen Fund		0.00	1,071.00
300 - Memorial Offering		0.00	61.00
364 - Memo - Barbara Fleck		0.00	2,207.00
365 - Memo - Luther Christman		0.00	50.00
366 - Memo - Willard Silifies		0.00	490.00
367 - Memo - Catherine Eckhart		0.00	145.00
368 - Memo - Launa Miller		0.00	65.00
369 - Memo - Miriam Flamisch		0.00	50.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering		138.00	1,063.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank		20.00	760.00
415 - MOPS		20.00	609.00
418 - Women's Group		24.00	42.00
420 - World Hunger Offering		288.00	1,614.00
450 - Souper Sunday		0.00	766.00
460 - ELCA Good Gifts		0.00	272.00
500 - Christian Education		0.00	179.00
510 - Sunday School Offering		0.00	405.90
530 - Bible School		337.00	337.00
540 - Youth Conference		100.00	7,889.73
550 - Youth Ministry		50.00	50.00
571 - Youth Retreat		0.00	400.00
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service		0.00	4,500.00
610 - Cemetery - Sale of Lots		0.00	3,000.00
710 - Hershey Park		0.00	1,951.85
720 - Iron Pigs		275.00	627.10
	Total Giving Accounts	\$32,686.04	\$212,411.98

Simply Giving

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Many of you already support the congregation with your time, talents and financial contributions ... but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program (Simply Giving). It's convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. Please contact Bob Bennett or call the church office (610-837-1741) for details.



Donations Account Balances (07/01/2018 - 07/31/2018)

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Account

Period Activity

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YTD Balance

Giving Accounts

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Total Regular Offering	\$24,740.50	\$163,263.90
110 - Plate Offering	633.06	5,449.64
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$25,373.56	\$168,713.54
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Total Misc. Offerings	\$250.00	\$6,165.42
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$25,623.56	\$183,468.96
200 - Building Offering	3,261.50	20,910.50
220 - Improvement Offering	209.00	6,575.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$3,470.50	\$27,485.50
138 - Use of Church Facilities	75.00	525.00
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	381.00
146 - Music Ministry	500.00	1,615.00
250 - Kitchen Fund	0.00	1,071.00
300 - Memorial Offering	0.00	61.00
364 - Memo - Barbara Fleck	0.00	2,207.00
365 - Memo - Luther Christman	0.00	50.00
366 - Memo - Willard Silifies	0.00	490.00
367 - Memo - Catherine Eckhart	0.00	145.00
368 - Memo - Launa Miller	0.00	65.00
369 - Memo - Miriam Flamisch	0.00	50.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	138.00	1,201.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	0.00	760.00
415 - MOPS	0.00	609.00
418 - Women's Group	0.00	42.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	231.00	1,845.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	766.00
460 - ELCA Good Gifts	0.00	272.00
500 - Christian Education	0.00	179.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	0.00	405.90
530 - Bible School	0.00	337.00
540 - Youth Conference	138.00	8,027.73
550 - Youth Ministry	0.00	50.00
571 - Youth Retreat	0.00	400.00
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	500.00	5,000.00
610 - Cemetery - Sale of Lots	0.00	3,000.00
710 - Hershey Park	0.00	1,951.85
720 - Iron Pigs	99.00	726.10
Total Giving Accounts	\$30,775.06	\$243,187.04

Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2018

Total General Fund Income	\$ 195,142.
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 211,137.
Expenses over Income.....	\$ 15,995.

Thank You From our Houston Travelers.....

Dear Emmanuel's Church Congregation,

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated the opportunity to travel with the pastors and our eight young people to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. I had heard many times about what a wonderful, life-changing event this is for youth and how incredible the Gathering is, but I did not fully appreciate it until I went and experienced it for myself. Seeing and hearing 30,000+ young people and adult leaders join together in worship was awe inspiring. Watching youth from our congregation engage in education on complex social issues gave me hope for this generation. Working alongside people from around the country as we gave back to the community of Houston and its people gave me great joy and an incredible feeling of fulfillment. To say that I enjoyed the Youth Gathering doesn't even scratch the surface. And it wouldn't have been possible without the incredible generosity of the people of Emmanuel's. So thank you, for your wonderful support, your gifts, and your encouragement. You made it possible for us to be there, and I can't thank you enough.

Pastor Chris Druckenmiller



Thank you to everyone who made going to Houston possible. I had a blast! I learned a lot and got a lot of pins like a "he, him, his" pin and a "pizza cutter", etc. But the one important thing I learned is that we are all loved and when you get enough people to volunteer you can actually do a lot in 4 days and you can make a difference. This was my second time going to an ELCA event and in both you really feel the love and the respect that everyone has for one another even without knowing you. It is an amazing experience to even experience once and I am extremely grateful to get to do it again. I loved it and I feel it is something that everyone who can experience it should experience it.

Jack Bellamy Fogel

To the members of Emmanuel's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for sponsoring me and giving me the chance to attend the 2018 Youth Gathering. I had so much fun with all the things that happened while I was in Houston. During our service day we assisted members of Abiding Faith United Methodist Church. There were so friendly and excited to see us. We helped them with painting the buildings and filling in new mulch. Not gonna lie, but it was insanely hot! On the bright side, there was a break room where you could refill water, enjoy the AC and play a game or two. After our time was up we took a group photo with the members of the church and helped them out in a huge way. Another great thing about the Youth Gathering was the NRG Stadium and the music and speakers. The speakers each had their own stories and messages but there were several that stood out. Once again, thank you so much for all you have done for me to give me the chance to attend the youth gathering.

Many thanks,
Jordan Druckenmiller

Thank You From our Houston Travelers.....

Dear Emmanuel's Church,

I first would like to thank you all for not only the monetary donations that you gave but most importantly I want to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for a safe and eye opening experience. It truly was an eye opening experience and I, along with all of the other youth that had gone to Houston, had an amazing and fun time. One of my most favorite days was when we went out into the community and helped to restore a local church. The members of the church were extremely welcoming and grateful for our help. Even though we did not get to finish the full project, the congregation of the church we helped was still immensely grateful and happy to have us there. That particular day will stay with me forever and it showed me how God works through everyone through service and helping others. Another wonderful experience I had in Houston were the mass gatherings. At the end of the day, 30,000 of the youth gathering participants would come together to dance, sing, listen to inspiring speakers and worship God. It was truly amazing to be surrounded by such a diverse group of people from all over the country that were coming together for one sole reason, and that was to worship God. I had a fantastic time in Houston and it was a faith changing experience that will live with me forever. It was because of all you who gave donations and sent us off with your thoughts and prayers, that made this trip happen and successful!

Thank you again,
Laura Roberts

Dear Congregation,

First off, I would like to say thank you for giving me and the other Houston travelers the opportunity to travel to the beautiful city of Houston, TX. It was an amazing experience just being there. You have allowed us to meet new friends, learn more about God and even have a little fun in there too. I enjoyed painting a local Methodist church that was affected by the hurricane. This was a trip I will not forget.

Thanks again,
Evan Dempsey



Dear Emmanuel's Family,

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity that made our experience at the youth gathering possible. You are an amazing congregation of caring people that reach out and help our youth and many others to grow in faith and love. Thank you for giving me the unparalleled opportunity to accompany our youth to nine youth gatherings and to know the joy of working with the very best youth I could ever imagine. You are the wonderful people of God!

In Christ,
Pastor Barry

Thank You From our Houston Travelers.....

To my congregation,

I can not thank you all enough for the generous monetary donations you gave to help us get to the Youth Gathering in Houston. I am so thankful for all your help through donations, support, and prayers. I had an amazing time in Houston. My faith was challenged and reassured all at the same time at our nightly worships. I got the opportunity to listen to many powerful speakers who unapologetically shared their stories of how God changed everything for them. Some speakers told stories about being rejected and misunderstood which was heartbreaking to hear. Those stories may have been hard to listen to, but they highlighted the fact that no matter what we go through God has our back. He is always with us through any hard time and any hard situation. We also got the opportunity to help Abiding Faith Methodist Church in Houston. The members we met from this church were so friendly and kind. We gave this church a hand by helping them clean up, paint, and landscape their church. This church had an amazing story about how they first started out and how quickly their congregation started to grow. They were sharing a church with another congregation at the beginning, but God helped them find a church to call home. I was so glad we got to help them give a place they love so much a makeover. I was fortunate enough to attend two Youth Gatherings, and both exceeded my expectations. The feeling of worshipping our God with 30,000 other youth just like me is an experience I will never forget. The power I felt in the stadium and all over Houston all week is something so great it is hard to explain. Thank you all so much for everything you have done to help me get this experience. I am forever grateful.

This Changes Everything!
Courtney Corona



Dear Emmanuel's Church,

Thank you for sending me to the ELCA Youth Gathering. I really appreciate your time and effort helping us to raise money as well all the people who sponsored us. My favorite part was meeting new people from different states around the country especially Alaska and Hawaii. Another thing I enjoyed was learning more about other Lutherans. Seeing the city was breathtaking. I enjoyed Tenth Ave North, one of the bands. They brought me to my feet. It was fun playing Gaga ball, spending time with friends and getting to know members of my group better.

Thank you especially to Pastor B., Pastor E. and Pastor Chris. You helped to make it an amazing experience that I'll never forget and can't say thank you enough for.

Sincerely,
Jon Roberts

Thank You From our Houston Travelers.....

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

What more can we say? Your loving generosity allowed 11 of us to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston; my last one! Emmanuel's members have big and generous hearts that see the needs and possibilities and are willing to give to make things happen. You fit the theme of the Gathering so well: "This Changes Everything". God's love changes everything and you are living it.

We have been so blessed to travel with our youth and to grow with them. It is such a joy to go with youth who have attended the previous gathering as well and to watch them take the lead with our younger youth. We have been blessed in our time with each of these folks and y'all have made it possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and keep on helping our youth to mature and grow in God's love because "this changes everything"!

Pastor Elizabeth



Baby Care Kits

We will be building Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday (September 9). The items needed for each kit are listed below. Please purchase **EVERYTHING** on the list **exactly as stated** and **ONLY** items on the list. If you are unable to purchase all the items you can also donate money to help purchase extra items. Please have all purchased items and monetary donations to Pastor Elizabeth by **September 5** so we know what we have and what we still need to purchase. Additional information and buying guidelines are available in the gathering area or on the table in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Lynne at the church office.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

- ☐ **TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- ☐ **TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- ☐ **TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- ☐ **FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ☐ **ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- ☐ **TWO** pairs of socks
- ☐ **ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- ☐ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- ☐ **TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins



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September Flowers (\$25.00 per vase)

September 2 - In honor of the 65th birthday of Susan (Walker) and Sally (Leabold) by Sally Leabold.

Contemporary - Open.

September 9 - (outdoor worship) In memory of Richard Himmelwright by Bonnie Himmelwright.

September 16 - In honor of the anniversary of Mark and Sue Theoret by Sue Theoret

Contemporary - In honor of the birthday of Christopher Karc by Stan and Nancy Karc.

September 23 - In memory of Ruth J. Hess by Sandy Turtzo. In honor of the anniversary of Bob and Barbara Fehnel.

Contemporary - Open

September 30 - Open

Contemporary - Open



September Bulletins (\$6.00)

September 2 - Open

September 9 - Open

September 16 - In honor of the anniversary of Bob and Barbara Fehnel.

September 23 - In honor of the birthday of John DeNardo by Connie DeNardo. In loving memory of my dad, Sam Fehnel, by Linda Floria.

September 30 - Open

Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart

Won't you consider becoming a part of this vital ministry? This ministry at Emmanuel's provides meals to anyone from the congregation in times of need. Meals might be needed after the birth of a baby, after surgery or hospitalization, or during a time of crisis. The more help we have, the less frequently our volunteers will need to provide meals. Please contact Michele Geiger by phone ([610-442-7680](tel:610-442-7680)) or via email (mlgeiger520@gmail.com) if you'd like to become a part of this ministry. Please contact the church office, the Pastors or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.



September Worship Volunteers

Volunteers, please check to see if your name is listed below. **If you are unable to be present, please find a substitute and contact the secretary at 610-837-1741 with the changes by Wednesday.** As always, thank you for all your help in serving our Lord.

	Sept 2 9:30 am	Sept 9 (Outdoor Worship)	Sept. 16 (Fall Schedule) Begins	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
Acolytes: 8:00am	Mercedes Kasper		-----	-----	-----
10:45am			Brooke Rosenberg	Rachel Butz	Taylor Whiteash
Altar Care: 8:00	Denise Druckenmiller Barbara Bennett		Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller
10:45			Karl & Sue Monroe	Cindy O'Brien	Barbara Bennett
For instructions or volunteering contact Denise Druckenmiller 610-837-1369					
Comm. Assts: 8:00am	Barbara Bennett		Nancy Marsh Sue Getz	Theresa Schafer Cheryl Haas	Jessie Hnatow Dean Chenski
10:45am			Brenda Smith June Walker	Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien	Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett
Confirmed members interested in serving, call Barbara Bennett for training (610-262-9576)					
Greeters: 8:00am	Susan Chenski		Sue Getz	Cheryl Haas	Jessie Hnatow
10:45am			Carol Farole	Gary O'Brien	Barbara Fehnel
Reader 8:00am	Nancy Marsh		Sue Getz	Brian Baylor	Jessie Hnatow
10:45am			Angela Mitchell	Kristin Butz	Wendy Whiteash
Ushers: 8:00am	Helen Smith		David Getz Dean Chenski	Denise Druckenmiller Chris Baylor	Sue Derhammer Deena Ruth
10:45am	Paul Honett		Clint Easton Paul Honett	June Walker Vernell Meyers	Barbara Fehnel Sally Leabold
Comm. Attendant 8:00					
10:45					
Media 8:00am	Ron Daubenspeck		Brian Baylor	Win Miller	Ron Daubenspeck
10:45am			Sue Monroe	Michele Geiger	Lynne Ambrose

Thank You Cards Received....

☒ Dear Pastors and Members,

We wish to thank you for all your visits and prayers during our illnesses; and to thank the members for all the cards and phone calls. Also a special thanks for all the delicious meals and goodies.

God Bless.

Bob and Clara Miller

☒ Dear Pastor Barry, Pastor Elizabeth, and Congregation,

First I would like to thank both Pastor Barry and Pastor Elizabeth for their visits when I was hospitalized. Also for their visiting me at home and for giving me Holy Communion. Those visits were very uplifting and made me feel hopeful and happy. Lastly I would like to thank the entire congregation for all the prayers that are said. God is good!

Bless all,

Suzanne Schuon

Blessing of the Animals: October 7 4:00pm

Come and have your pets blessed! Our annual blessing for animals will be on Sunday, October 7 at 4:00pm in the pavilion.

It is at this time of the year that we remember St. Francis of Assisi and his love for animals of all kinds. We know that pets are often a blessing to our families, and on this day we pause to give thanks to God as we ask God's blessing on them.

We ask you to leash your pet(s) or to bring them in a cage or crate. Please invite neighbors and friends. This is a community activity that is open to any who would like to have their pets blessed.



Emmanuel's Women's Group



Tuesday, September 4 – 7:00 pm – Organizational

Meeting. We're starting off the Fall season with a planning meeting – so we can choose our activities for the rest of the year.

Please note the change in date!

Bring your ideas for favorite or new activities to try – and help us decide the best dates to meet. When we're finished planning, we can take some time to knot fleece blankets – and enjoy refreshments – and fellowship.

Baptisms

Lucas Casimir Kosciolk, son of Katelyn M. Zulic and Matthew S. Kosciolk was baptized on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at the 9:30 Celebration Service. Lucas was born on December 30, 2017. His sponsors were Brian and Stephanie Zulic.

Karrysa Clara Wolf and Grace Madison Wolf, daughters of **Andrew T. and April R. (Hujsa) Wolf** were baptized on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the 9:30 Celebration Service. Karrysa was born on October 2, 2010 and Grace was born on October 23, 2012. Their sponsors were Robert and Carol Mika.

Funerals

Robert F. Ottinger, 68, passed to his eternal rest on Friday, July 6, 2018. A funeral service was held on July 13 at George G. Bensing Funeral Home. Pastor Barry officiated at the service.



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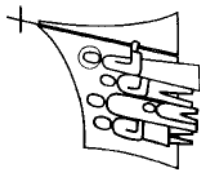


Weddings

July 14, 2018 at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church wedding vows were exchanged by **Jillian E. Rosencranz and Matthew William Gorman**. Pastor Elizabeth officiated at the ceremony.

July 21, 2018 at The Palace Center in Allentown, wedding vows were exchanged by **Chelsea Kuhl Aguila and Anthony Michael Heckman**. Pastor Elizabeth officiated at the ceremony.

We extend our congratulations and sincere wishes for much happiness as they enter married life. May God bless them and prosper their union through the continued gift of his love!



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The Rev. Elizabeth M. Mitchell

The Rev. Barry L. Mitchell

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"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday

Sunday, September 9, 2018

9:30am Outdoor Worship
 (Bluegrass Service)

10:30am God's Work, Our Hands Projects

12:00 - 5:00pm Church Picnic
 featuring SWiM