

# Emmanuel's Informer

November 2019, Volume 51, Number 11



Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete both surveys that will help us as we move forward in the pastoral search process. Once tabulated the information you provided will give a good picture of how the church sees itself as of now and as well a vision for the future. Your input will go a long

way in identifying the person who will be best equipped to lead this community for years to come.

We have had a good response to our request for people who are interested in serving on the call committee and will hopefully have the committee chosen and approved by the church council in November. It's important to remember that, because of the number of people who expressed interest and the need to keep the size of the committee at a manageable size that not everyone can be asked to serve. The goal is to have a group that represents a good cross section of the congregation. Much effort has already been put into coming up with a diverse group and the process continues.

As I mentioned last month once the results of the surveys are available Mike Bennethum, Executive Associate to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission will come to discuss the results with members of church leadership and the call committee. After that meeting the results will be shared with the congregation at large and we will have the information needed to help us identify any adjustments we may want to make to bring our practice in line with our desires. Please continue to pray for our community as we move forward together.

Blessings  
Pastor Dan

## Coming in November.....



### November 3: Celebrating All Saints Sunday

This is the day to give thanks to God for all of the saints who have gone before us. We will remember those who have died in Christ during this past year and also those who have been baptized into Christ.

### November 17: Brunch & Annual Congregational Meeting

Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2019. That day only, we will be offering a Traditional Service at 8:00 am and a Contemporary Service at 9:30am followed by a brunch at 10:45am and our meeting. Join us as we approve last year's minutes, elect new council persons and hear reports of our congregational life.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

Community  
Thanksgiving  
Worship



### November 27: Thanksgiving Eve Community Service 7:00pm

The Bath Area Council of Churches Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Salem UCC, Moorestown. The service begins with special music at 7:00pm. Choirs from all area churches will join in praise!



### Reminder ...

Turn your clocks **back one hour** when you go To bed on Saturday, November 2 and don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



## 2019 Poinsettia Sponsors

Once again, red poinsettias will be available to purchase as a memorial or as a tribute gift to beautify the window sills for the Christmas holiday services. The price is **\$9.00** each. A reservation form is found below.

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, December 8.** Just complete the form and place it in an envelope marked Poinsettia Order, and include the correct amount of **\$9.00 per plant**. Place your envelope in the offering plate, or mail your order and check (made out to Emmanuel's) to the church.

You may pick up your poinsettia after Christmas Day.

### Poinsettia Sponsorship Form

I/We wish to purchase a poinsettia for the church.

Please ( X ) the following:

( ) In Memory of

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of person in memory of)

( ) In Honor of

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of person in honor of)

( ) To the Glory of God

**Ordered by** \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name and telephone number)

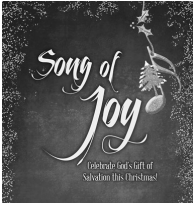
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The price for each red poinsettia is **\$9.00**.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.**

## In-Gathering Collection - Mitten Tree

Mittens, scarves and hats (male/female, children....all sizes) will be collected during the month of November. Please place all items on or around the **Mitten Trees** which will be located in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Halls (both old and new). These items will be handed out to different institutions for Christmas. The deadline for accepting donations will be Monday, November 25.



## Christmas Cantata

### *Song of Joy*

Sunday, December 15 2:00pm

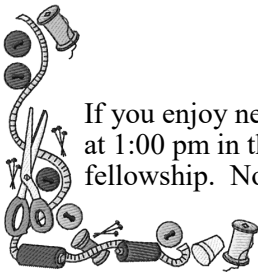


All ladies are invited to join us for Bible Study on Monday mornings at 10:30 am in old Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying the Book of Psalms.



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to join us for Bible Study on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Upstairs Parlor.



## Needlecrafters Group

If you enjoy needlecrafts please join us every other Monday at 1:00 pm in the upstairs Gathering Area for stitching and fellowship. November dates are 11/4 and 11/18.

All are welcome!



**UPDATE:** 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, September 12, 2019 @ 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Marilyn Angst	David Getz	Bob Radaker
Kristin Butz	Paul Honett	Dianna Schoenen
Pastor Dan Clayborne	Vernell Meyers	Samantha Wolf *
Pete Coccetti*	Win Miller	
Jane Fried	Karl Monroe	

\*Denotes not in attendance

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

**Devotions:** Opening prayer was offered by Bob Radaker.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Win M. and seconded by Kristin B. to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** There will be 5 reflection questions handed out to congregation to take home. They will be due to hand back in 3 weeks. These will be sent to the synod. On Oct. 13, Peggy Wuertele will be with our congregation to go over any questions this congregation may have. The results will be compiled, and someone will come and discuss the results with the congregation. All information will have come from this congregation. We will be looking in the next few weeks to form a call committee. This should be a diverse group across age and gender and should be comprised of 6-7 people.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Report submitted.

**Treasurer Report:** Report submitted and questions answered by Bob Siegfried.

**Old Business:** Picnic was successful. 20 flood buckets were completed for God's Work Our Hands. A total of 71 flood buckets were assembled with our congregation and Pr. Paulette Obrecht's congregation. Karl took pictures of the Paxinosa Elementary School garden project.

**Committee Reports:**

Property: There will be a kitchen update next month. We are close to having our tree grove replaced. The tractor has broken and there has been an offer of a tractor to replace this but it needs to have some service done. Other than this cost it is a free tractor. There was a motion made by Win M. and seconded by Marilyn A. to accept the donation and spend money on servicing it. Motion carried. The upstairs urinal needed repair and this has been finished. Blue Mountain contractors are preparing drawing for the new kitchen to possibly be seen at next meeting.

Fellowship: Sunday School begins on Sept. 15, 2019 and still needs volunteers.

Congregational dinner - will be held on Nov. 10, 2019.

Council will need 2 new members as Sam Wolf and Bob Radaker will be finishing their terms. Win Miller will stay on for another term.

Cemetery: Donations for trees is open till Sept. 21. We will have open meeting with Justin Fallenstein, who will be planting the trees for the grove, for congregation to ask questions and give opinions.

## Council Minutes, continued.....

Worship: On Sept. 22 - third graders receive their bibles. On Oct. 6, first communion and blessing of the pets. On Nov. 1 - Trunk or Treat. On Dec. 1 will be an advent event. On Dec. 15 - Christmas Cantata.

Pastor Dan agreed to continue with 4 services on Christmas Eve.

Community Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Salem UCC at 7 p.m.

It was moved by Bob R. and seconded by Vernell M. to have Pastor Bob Splittgerber conduct a Christmas Day service pending pastor approval of the program order of service. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

It was moved by Dianna S. and seconded by Karl M. to pursue hiring of a person to assist with youth ministry, finalize job specs and have recommendations for next council meeting for a youth group leadership position. Motion carried. Win M. moved and it was seconded by Jane F. that Pastor Dan, Dianna S. and Bobby Siegfried and up to one other person form a committee to initiate job speculation, interview candidates, and make recommendation to council for an assistant for youth ministry. Motion carried.

A note of thanks should be mailed to the donor of the tractor with a tax deduction amount. Bob Siegfried volunteered to perform this task.

### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall.

It was moved by Win M. and seconded by Vernell M. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Butz

Council Secretary



### **Help Needed!**

## **Worship Volunteers**

It's time to sign up for 2020 to help with our traditional worship services. We need Acolytes (adults welcome!), Altar Care, Bread Providers, Greeters, Lesson/Prayer Readers, Media People (run the projector), Communion Assistants and Ushers.

We wipe the slate clean each year, so even if you've been volunteering for any of these jobs in 2019, we need you to sign up again for 2020.

Please consider helping with one (or more) of these jobs.

**Many hands make light work!**

## Companion Synods and A Travel Opportunity

Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect Lutheran churches throughout the world with ELCA synods and congregations. These relationships are concrete expressions of the communion and fellowship with the more than 140 Lutheran member churches of The Lutheran World Federation. Each of the 65 synods has at least one international church companion and many have additional relationships, resulting in more than 120 companion synod relationships.

We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. Companion church relationships enrich and deepen our ministries by exposing us to global challenges and perspectives as we seek to work with one another to build up the body of Christ and the world.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, to which we belong, has companion synod relationships with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina/Uruguay, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saxony, Germany, The Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania .


### **May 2020. Visit Our Saxony Companion Synod.**

#### **Have you ever considered visiting Germany?**

An invitation has been received from our Saxony Companion Synod inviting a delegation of 15 to visit Germany this coming spring. It is an opportunity to explore our historical roots, reflect upon ministry here and abroad and strengthen our relationship with our German brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are looking to travel between May 3 and 15 (depending on flights) and participants are responsible for their expenses.

If you would like more information or to receive an application, please contact Pastors Wayne and Michele Kaufman ([kaufman19@verizon.net](mailto:kaufman19@verizon.net)).

 <p>RETIREMENT LUNCHEON <b>BISHOP SAM &amp; LINDA ZEISER</b></p>	<p>Bishop Zeiser will be retiring in September 2020, and all members of the twenty-four congregations in our Mission District are invited to gather together for a luncheon to thank Bishop Zeiser for his ministry, pastoral care, and leadership, and congratulate him and his wife Linda on beginning this new phase of their life.</p>
<p>Each congregation is allotted 20 tickets for the luncheon at the Northampton Community Center on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 2:00pm. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$28 for children age 12 and under.</p>	
<p>If you are interested in attending this celebration of the Bishop's retirement please sign up on the sheets found in the Gathering Area or Fellowship Hall.</p>	

**Donations Account Balances (09/01/2019 - 09/30/2019)**

**Thursday, October 10, 2019**  
**Account**

**Period Activity**

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**YTD Balance**

<i>Giving Accounts</i>			
100 - Regular Offering		28,006.83	228,663.83
	<b>Total Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$28,006.83</b>	<b>\$228,663.83</b>
110 - Plate Offering		383.00	4,884.26
	<b>Total Regular &amp; Plate Offering</b>	<b>\$28,389.83</b>	<b>\$233,548.09</b>
121 - Christmas Offering		0.00	60.00
122 - Easter Offering		0.00	4,266.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering		0.00	361.00
124 - Initial Offering		0.00	617.00
125 - Lent Offering		0.00	2,167.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering		0.00	1,387.00
	<b>Total Special</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,858.00</b>
130 - Miscellaneous Income		0.00	193.54
131 - Flowers		150.00	1,514.00
132 - Bulletins		6.00	136.00
133 - Easter Flowers		0.00	599.00
136 - Church house		810.00	5,926.29
	<b>Total Misc. Offerings</b>	<b>\$966.00</b>	<b>\$8,368.83</b>
	<b>Total Reg. Misc. &amp; Spec</b>	<b>\$29,355.83</b>	<b>\$250,774.92</b>
200 - Building Offering		12,130.00	56,021.44
220 - Improvement Offering		353.00	1,724.00
	<b>Total Build &amp; Imp Offerings</b>	<b>\$12,483.00</b>	<b>\$57,745.44</b>
138 - Use of Church Facilities		0.00	200.00
140 - Snow Removal		0.00	325.00
223 - Improvement - Trees		4,904.25	5,524.25
250 - Kitchen Fund		8,000.00	8,522.00
370 - Memo - Myrtle McCandless		0.00	1,000.00
371 - Memo - Ralph Zellers Jr.		0.00	75.00
372 - Memo - Betty Hnatow		0.00	150.00
373 - Memo - Jacob Campbell		0.00	50.00
374 - Memo - Gladys Borger		200.00	1,075.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering		98.00	1,440.00
411 - SWIM		500.00	500.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank		10.00	162.00
420 - World Hunger Offering		216.85	2,020.45
430 - Disaster Relief Offering		0.00	500.00
434 - Famine - Youth		0.00	1,220.00
450 - Souper Sunday		0.00	491.64
451 - Food Bank _ Deposit		0.00	2,705.00
460 - ELCA Good Gifts		0.00	442.00
462 - Animal Shelter		50.00	50.00
475 - God's Work. Our Hands.		340.00	340.00
500 - Christian Education		0.00	306.00
510 - Sunday School Offering		55.50	245.24
530 - Bible School		0.00	576.00
540 - Youth Conference		0.00	602.00
571 - Youth Retreat		0.00	445.00
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service		0.00	3,000.00
700 - Fellowship		0.00	30.00
710 - Hershey Park		0.00	1,773.00
720 - Iron Pigs		0.00	374.00
730 - Fellowship Dinner		0.00	7,290.00
731 - Fellowship Memento		0.00	6,599.00
900 - Harry E. Grammes, Jr. Estate		0.00	89,193.51
	<b>Total Giving Accounts</b>	<b>\$56,213.43</b>	<b>\$445,746.45</b>

## Treasurer's Report as of September 2019

Total General Fund Income	\$ 254,670.
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 223,594.
Income over Expenses	\$ 31,076.



## 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 upcoming meeting dates:

November 10: Escape

November 24: Thinking

December 7 (Saturday): Christmas Cookie Baking at church  
(no meeting on December 8)

December 22: Christmas Party

## Fall Blood Drive

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**MILLER-KEYSTONE**  
BLOOD CENTER

Our Fall Blood Drive will be on **November 9, 2019**. Look for more details and sign up sheets in the next month. Maybe we can surpass our record of 23 donations!!!

## Cemetery News

Please remove plants, summer/fall flowers and artificial flowers from the cemetery by Friday, November 8 in preparation for the Christmas Holidays.



Cemetery Care

There will be an **Outdoor Clean-up Day** for the cemetery and church grounds on **Saturday, Nov 9 (rain date 11/23) beginning at 9AM**. We are in need of helping hands (please bring your own tools) and also several people with pickup trucks.

**PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS ON THE CEMETERY UNTIL AFTER THANKSGIVING.** Thank you.

## Maple Grove Challenge Has Been Met!



Our funding goal was met and the Maple Grove has been reestablished! The five beautiful new trees were transplanted on October 15. Many hearts were moved to make this happen financially. **Thank you to one and all for your donations.** .

# NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday			
27	<b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 9:05 AM Youth Choir 9:30 AM Celebration Worship - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 6:00 PM J-Walkers - Schoolhouse	28	10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Men's Group - UP	29	7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	30	7:45 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal	31		1	6:30 PM Trunk-or-Treat Recital - FH	2			
3	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends - set clocks back 1 hour 8:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 9:05 AM Youth Choir 9:30 AM Celebration Worship - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	4	10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Needlecrafters 7:00 PM Men's Group - UP	5	<b>Election Day - FH in Use</b> 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	6	7:45 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal	7	7:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg	8		9	8:00 AM Blood Drive - FH 9:00 AM Outdoor Cleanup Day		
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17	<b>NO 10:45 Service Today</b> 8:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 9:05 AM Youth Choir 9:30 AM Celebration Worship - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Brunch and Congregational Meeting	18	10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Men's Group - UP	19	6:45 PM Transition Team Meeting 7:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	20	7:45 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal 8:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal	21		22		23	9:00 AM Outdoor Cleanup Day (rain date)		
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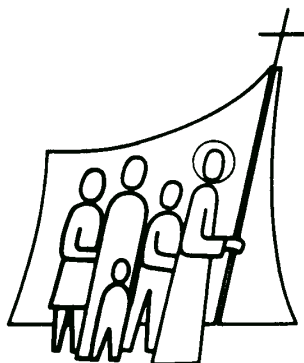
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# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## Synod Assembly 2020 June 4, 5, and 6 - Kalahari Resort - Pocono Manor, PA



We Are Church  
Together  
NEPA Synod Assembly 2020

It'll be here before you know it - Synod Assembly! Our annual gathering of congregations and ministries, members and ministers, all of us who call the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod our home. It's a special time we get together and get to meet, see and hear from leaders and guests from across our synod, and beyond - ELCA Churchwide representatives, as well as other denominations and faith communities. It's also a great opportunity to learn, to share, to work, and to celebrate and challenge ourselves around our theme: **WE ARE CHURCH TOGETHER.**

Last June our shorter, one-day Assembly was meant to help us all save up resources for this coming year's three-day program - necessary to allow time for the election of a new Bishop. We're returning to the Kalahari Resort, in their

newest, state-of-the-art conference facilities, set to open in early 2020. In many ways it will be the ideal location for conducting God's business, praising the Lord in worship, and taking a little time for a little fun as well.

Voting members, visitors, and their families can stay at a reduced rate - saving the most when the spacious rooms are shared by four people. Anyone staying overnight also gets free admission to the Water Park, and extending your stay can be a great way to tag on some extra fun time. More details about rates and accommodations will be published soon.

For now - we invite congregations and their leaders to spread the word and starting thinking about whom to invite and encourage to attend. All are welcome! For now - save those dates! And watch the Synod News and our synod website for more information as it becomes available, as we count down to June 2020 and declare:

### **WE ARE CHURCH TOGETHER!**

#### **ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY LOGO:**

- \* The colors are tied to the four colors of the ELCA logo.
- \* The circle suggests movement: God is moving in and with us to make us new, but also brings us "full circle" to the things that are everlasting.
- \* The circle is also incomplete: the church is a work-in-progress; and God's work in Christ is never done until the day when all can enter in and go out free and well, sharing in God's mercy, grace and peace.
- \* The circle and the word "Together" are the color green - symbolizing life and growth, and our care for all creation.
- \* The cross marks us as the church of Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen One, who died for all and brings life to all.

## We Did It!

Always  
being made  
New.

The Campaign for the ELCA.

**Always Being Made New campaign concludes with a total impact of \$250 million.**

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA, has concluded after more than five years with a total impact of \$250 million, including \$195 million in cash gifts and gift commitments, as well as \$55 million for planned gifts to campaign ministries.

"The Campaign began in 2013 with a goal of nearly \$200 million," said the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop. "That was a big goal. But with God's help and our members' generous support, we made it. I thank God for what this church has done for the ELCA's ministries – here at home and around the world."

The campaign focused on areas that include growing this church's communities of faith, forming new leaders, welcoming neighbors, overcoming malaria, confronting hunger and poverty, and accompanying our global churches.

For a detailed look at the campaign's impact in its four priority areas, as well as a breakdown of giving, please visit [ELCA.org/campaign](http://ELCA.org/campaign).

## Renew Your Required Background Checks for Employees and Volunteers



At the end of 2014 new laws took effect that require all employees and volunteers working with children to receive background checks. Laws were amended in 2015 that changed the requirement from every three years to every five years and made some of the background checks free for volunteers.

**If you completed this process in 2015 it is time to think about renewal of these checks.** Our synod website has links and other information you can use to renew these clearances (<http://nepasynod.org/child-safety>).

The laws that came about in 2014 also put into place the new reality that our church volunteers now are mandated reporters if they become aware of or even suspect abuse or neglect toward a child. If your employees and/or volunteers have not been informed or trained in what this requires, now is as good a time as any to make that happen.

Here is a link to a document from the PA Department of Human Services that provides a lot of useful information and answers frequently asked questions: [http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/C\\_135249.pdf](http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/C_135249.pdf).

Finally, if your congregation does not already have a policy that outlines how children and youth will be kept safe in your church, you should be working on one. If your insurance carrier has not yet required you to do so, they probably will in the near future. Many insurance websites have resources, or you can browse the internet for "Safe Church Policies."

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## Monthly Attendance for September, 2019

Sunday School	Week of	8:45 am Traditional	10:00 am Celebration	Worship Total	
/	Sept. 1	60	80	140	
/	Sept. 8	(Outdoor Worship 9:30am) 113		113	
Sunday School	Week of	8:00 am Traditional	9:30 am Celebration	10:45 am Traditional	Worship Total
30	Fall Sch. Begins Sept. 15	33	105	26	164
32	Sept. 22	46	107	28	181
	Sept. 29	31	120	34	185
	Totals	196	468	118	783

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 156



## November - Bath Food Bank

During the month of November, Emmanuel's Lutheran Church will help the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting **Cookies and Canned Pasta (ravioli, spaghettios, etc)**

The food bank is **no longer accepting 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.

The Bath Area Food Bank is always in need of monetary donations which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give. There are currently 264 families registered at the Bath Food Bank.

## Communion and Giving Record Reminder

In order to remain an active member on the church's rolls, a person must commune and give a contribution of record at least once in a calendar year.

Please fill out a communion card for 2019. You only need to fill out one per year.

Also when contributing to the church, please use your offering envelopes or write a check or place money in an envelope with your name and/or church envelope number on it. Thank you for making it easier to keep our church records accurate.

# Funerals

**Robert W. “Whitey” Edelman**, 91, passed to his eternal rest on Friday, October 18, 2019. A funeral service was held on October 23, 2019 at Emmanuel’s Lutheran Church. Pastor Dan Clayborne officiated at the service. His final resting place is Mountain View Cemetery.



## Baptisms

**Nolan Tyler Reeser**, son of **Ryan K. and Kathryn M. (Eisenman) Reeser** was baptized on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the 9:30 Celebration Service. Nolan was born on November 13, 2018. His sponsors were Crystal and Ken Happel.

## Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart

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) or via email ([mlgeiger520@gmail.com](mailto:mlgeiger520@gmail.com)) if you'd like to become a part of this ministry. Please contact the church office or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.



## 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.



## Email Addresses and Phone Numbers

To help communication work more effectively, the church would greatly appreciate it if you would notify us of any email address changes or if you move to the use of a cell phone number as your main contact.



## Does Our Pride Get in Our Way?

by Deb Fisher



How often have you seen people with a cane or walker and think, “boy, am I grateful I don’t need that?” Maybe you think, “I hope I don’t get old” or “I will never use one of those”.

When we are young we take being able to get around freely for granted. As we age or have an accident or illness that takes away our freedom of movement without assistance, we reluctantly are forced to using a walker or a cane. Those who choose to go it alone (without assistance) often suffer a fall that could change their whole life.

After too many falls to mention, I resorted to using a walker and a cane. Resisting the use of a walker for weeding, carrying packages in from the car, or doing light shopping with a basket on my walker, limited what I could do. Once I give up the nonsense of “looking old or helpless” and began using my walker, I became able to do the things that are important to me.

My hope is that when you read this you can look at using equipment to enrich your life as I have. The main goal is to be the best we can be with what we have. Remember, the church also gets donations of equipment from time to time and they are eager to help others.

### We Get Mail.....

Hello,

When I visit my mother-in-law, Leah Warnke, I attend the traditional service with her. I live in Maine and come down to visit family a few times a year.

Well, the service on October 20 was so very entertaining and enjoyable. The message was very uplifting and inspiring and the performance by the bell ensemble of Joseph’s story was very engaging!

Love the positive messages to help me with my week.

Sincerely,  
Liz Warnke



Deadline for December Informer articles is:  
Friday, November 15, 2019.



## November Flowers (\$25.00 per vase)



**November 3** - Open

**Contemporary** - In honor of the birthday of Mercedes Kasper by Bill Kasper.

**November 10** - In memory of mom, Eva Schafer, by Doris Hall.

**Contemporary** - Open

**November 17** - In memory of Hattie Heckman by her family.

**Contemporary** - To the Glory of God by the Schoenen Family.

**November 24** - In thankfulness for all of our blessings by Lynne and Dave Ambrose.

**Contemporary** - In honor of the 8th birthday of our daughter, Kiersten Margaret Diehl by Jim and Julie Diehl.

If you would like to sponsor flowers or bulletins for any of the open dates please contact the church office (610-837-1741)

## November Bulletins (\$6.00)

**November 3** - Open

**Contemporary** - Open.

**November 10** - Open

**Contemporary** - Open

**November 17** - Open

**Contemporary** - Open

**November 24** - Open

**Contemporary** - Open

## 2020 Flower and Bulletin Sponsors

It's time to sign up to sponsor flowers or bulletins for 2020. The sign-up calendars can be found in the Gathering Area (upstairs) or in Fellowship Hall (downstairs). Please consider sponsoring either flowers or bulletins in memory of a loved one or in honor of an anniversary or birthday or just to the glory of God. Flowers are \$25 per vase and you may take them after worship on Sunday. Bulletins are \$6 per Sunday.

# November 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.

	November 3	November 10	(No 10:45 Service) <b>November 17</b> (Congregational Meeting)	November 24
<b>Acolytes:</b> 8:00am	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:45am	Brooke Rosenberger	Rachel Butz	No Service	Andrea Davidson
<b>Altar Care:</b> 8:00	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller
10:45	Barbara Bennett	Karl & Sue Monroe	No Service	Cindy O'Brien
For instructions or volunteering contact Denise Druckenmiller 610-837-1369				
<b>Comm. Assts:</b> 8:00am	Dean Chenski	Denise Druckenmiller	Theresa Schafer	Nancy Marsh
10:45am	Sandy Turtzo	Kristin Butz	No Service	Brenda Smith
Confirmed members interested in serving, call Barbara Bennett for training (610-262-9576)				
<b>Greeters:</b> 8:00am	Susan Chenski	Denise Druckenmiller	David Getz	Jessie Hnatow
10:45am	Barbara Fehnel	Carol Farole	No Service	Cindy O'Brien
<b>Reader</b> 8:00am	Nancy Marsh	Terry DeGroot	Sue Getz	Jessie Hnatow
10:45am	Sandy Turtzo	Angela Mitchell	No Service	Doreen Davidson
<b>Ushers:</b> 8:00am	Sue Theoret Susan Chenski	Terry DeGroot Cheryl Haas	David Getz Sue Getz	Sue Derhammer Deena Ruth
10:45am	Barbara Bennett Bob Bennett	Clint Easton June Walker	No Service	Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien
<b>Comm . Attend.</b> 8:00am	Theresa Schafer Win Miller	/	/	/
10:45am	Barbara Fehnel Vernell Meyers	/	/	/
<b>Media</b> 8:00am	Jessie Hnatow	Ron Daubenspeck	Win Miller	Brian Baylor
10:45am	Lynne Ambrose	Karl Monroe	No Service	Michele Geiger
<b>Bread Provider:</b> Lynne Ambrose				

# Collecting items during the month of November for the In-Gathering

Please place all of the items listed below in the container marked “In-Gathering Items” in the Gathering Area or Fellowship Hall. All items will be taken to the In-Gathering being held at Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville on Thursday, December 5 at 12 Noon and distributed to various local institutions. Deadline to bring items to Emmanuel’s is Sunday, December 1.

## Kids Peace

### **NO WIRE BOUND BOOKS OR SCARVES**

#### **Art Supplies**

Clay  
Coloring books  
Crayons  
Sketch pads  
Paint & brushes

#### **Personal Care Items**

Deodorant  
Flavored Chapstick  
Scented lotions  
Shampoo  
Shower Gels

#### **Clothing**

Pajamas  
Hats, Mittens  
Socks  
Sweatshirts/pants (all sizes)  
Underwear

#### **Gift Cards, all kinds**

Some examples include:

Book store  
I-tunes  
Movie theaters  
Target  
Walmart

## Gracedale

### **NO CROSSWORD PUZZLE BOOKS**

#### **Men**

Aftershave lotion  
Small combs  
Talcum powder  
Tube socks

#### **Women**

Body powder  
Hair brushes  
Perfume/colognes  
Scarves  
Socks

#### **Either**

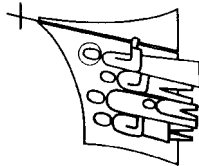
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Body Spray  
Body wash  
Change purses  
Chapstick  
Adult coloring books  
Crayons  
Deodorant  
Nail polish & remover  
Non-skid slipper socks  
Pens/pencils  
Playing cards  
Postage stamps  
Small tablets  
Tissue packets  
Velvet coloring posters  
Writing paper  
Lg. print Search-a-Word  
Lg. print reading books  
Markers - washable  
Moisturizing lotion

## Sayre Center

(children’s items only)

### **NO STUFFED ANIMALS**

Batteries (AA,C, D)  
Bibs  
Board books  
Washable books  
Bubbles  
Colored pencils  
Construction paper  
Diapers & wipes  
Finger Paint  
Tempera paints  
Glue sticks  
Infant cereal (rice or oatmeal)  
Kitchen dish towels  
Plain paper for drawing  
Playdoh  
Playground balls  
Single fruit or vegetable infant  
food (stage 2, nothing  
mixed)  
Stickers  
Tissues  
Toddler size forks & spoons  
Wash cloths for classroom use  
Waterproof markers

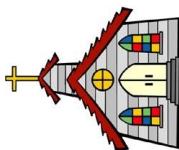


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### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Worship times for that day:

8:00 am Traditional

9:30 am Celebration

10:45 Brunch

Followed by the meeting