

Emmanuel's Informer

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Greetings,

By now most of you have heard that we will begin in person worship inside the church building on June 6th as well as continuing to stream the services online. Some of you may have questions about what to expect when we gather. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for me to think of every question that may be on people's minds, but I'm going to address what I think are the two most pressing issues.

The latest guidance from the CDC regarding fully vaccinated people not wearing face coverings or maintaining physical distancing guidelines has caused confusion and raised a number of issues for organizations, such as Emmanuel's, that gather in relatively confined areas. Our top priority is to give everyone who wants to worship in the church the opportunity to safely do so. This means limiting the risk for those who are most vulnerable. There are some adults as well as younger children who cannot be vaccinated. Therefore, for now, everyone who attends worship will be required to properly wear a face covering that covers both the mouth and nose. The pastor and worship leaders will remove their masks when necessary.

Based on the current information we have to work with, the fastest way for us to get to the day face coverings won't be needed is for at least 70 to 80 percent of the population to be fully vaccinated. As of May 17th that number stands at 37% in Northampton County. If you can get vaccinated please do so. Not only for your protection, but also for the well being of those who can't. All members of the church staff are fully vaccinated.

The second issue is singing. The Hymn Society of the United States and Canada, which partners with the ELCA and other denominations, suggests that congregational singing not be restarted until 80 % of the population is fully vaccinated. But because everyone will be masked and with our new air filtration/purification system (which helps mitigate the spread of COVID 19 and other airborne viruses) installed we will be singing while masked. I know that a number of you have been waiting for the day when there would be singing in church. For Emmanuel's that day has arrived! Please join us!

One final point. As a faith community our concerns and motivations are not the same as businesses whose primary reason for existing is to generate a profit. We are here to help people grow spiritually as we deepen our relationship with God. Therefore our decision-making process is different. What is right for the church may not be right for business and vice versa. We have turned a corner, but there is still work to be done. I believe that the more we support each other, and put our personal desires on the back burner in order to meet the needs of others, we'll be living as Christ wants us to live. If you have other questions/concerns please let us know.

Blessings. Pr. Dan



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With the start of regular, in-person, indoor worship we are in desperate need of volunteers to help with the services (both Traditional and Celebration). We need ushers, screeners/greeters (at least for now), readers and people to run the projector. We have a few people who have been helping with the parking lot services but it is unfair to expect them to be willing to be scheduled for every week. An email was sent to all who were on the volunteer lists from Jan 2020 but have received very few positive responses so far. It will be very difficult for in-person services to run smoothly without our volunteers.

This will become even more important after Pastor Dan leaves at the end of June and we are relying on supply pastors on Sundays. They do not know our "routine" and often rely on the service volunteers on a Sunday morning.

Won't you please consider helping? We have all become complacent with online services and watching from home. Many have been hoping, praying and begging for Emmanuel's to return to full indoor, in-person worship. Well, we are there but we need help! The pastor, Bobby and Beth can't do it alone. The jobs are not difficult and we try hard to work around individual schedules. If enough people are available we try not to schedule you more than once a month - but that only works if there are enough people willing to help.

If you are able and willing to lend a hand please contact either Michele Geiger or the church office. Thank you!



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.

8:45am Celebration Worship in Fellowship Hall (w/singing)

10:00am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary (w/singing)

Masks are still required and we ask that you try to social distance as much as possible. Screening (temps and two short questions) will take place at least for the first few weeks. You DO NOT have to call ahead.

Each service will also be live-streamed and will be available on Emmanuel's Facebook page - see **emmanuels.org** or the weekly eNews for the link.

Dial-In Call 610-477-0100 to listen to our services at any time.

Bulletins/announcements for all services can be found on our website:

Emmanuels.org



Bath Area Food Bank

During the month of **June**, Emmanuel's will help the

Bath Area Food Bank by collecting:

Cold Cereal Jelly

There is also an ongoing need for **Ramen Noodles**. They are no longer accepting Jell-o or pudding.

Donations for the food bank can be dropped off in the vestibule to the downstairs parlor (see below for details).

Grocery gift cards (preferably Ahart's) are needed for emergencies. Please drop all gift cards in an envelope marked "Food Bank" into the lockbox located on the wall in the vestibule.

The Bath Area Food Bank is always in need of monetary donations which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give.

Where to Donate:

Now that we are back to in-person worship most donations can again be placed in labeled bins that can be found in Fellowship Hall or the Gathering Area. We will, however, still utilize the downstairs parlor vestibule for donations that you may wish to



drop off during the week (including offerings). During business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am -3pm) the outside side red door into the downstairs parlor vestibule will be unlocked. There will be bins inside the door for you to drop off any items you wish to donate (Food Bank or other donations). There is also a lockbox to drop off your envelopes and offerings.

Please feel free to drop off items at your convenience. The inside door into the building itself will remain locked. If you need assistance please call the church office (610 -837-1741).

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, April 8, 2021 @ 7:00 PM, Zoom Online Meeting

Justin Fallenstein, President	Mercedes Kasper	Andrea Roberts
Pete Coccetti, V. President	Rachel Lebron	Chris Wolf
Kristin Butz, Secretary	Kathy Milander	Pr. Dan Clayborne
Jane Fried	Win Miller	
Paul Honett	Karl Monroe	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer*
		Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary*
		*denotes not in attendance

This meeting was held via ZOOM for COVID precautions and also in person at the church with limited attendance for COVID precautions for social distancing

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Justin Fallenstein.

Devotions: Meeting was opened in prayer by Karl Monroe.

Review/Approval of Minutes: With corrections made it was moved by Karl Monroe and seconded by Kathy Milander to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- We need 2 lay delegates for synod. Registration is due by May 17,2021. This will be held online on June 4,5 2021. Information will be in the Informer and in the eNews. Pastor Dan will also announce it at services.
- Mission District Spring Assembly will be held on May 27, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom.
 Emmanuel's delegates for the Synod Assembly should attend this meeting.
- The Northern Lehigh Mission District is also looking for 3 people willing to serve as lay members on the Mission District Council which meets approx. 4 times a year.
- Lynne sent out a list of folks for council to contact and check on via phone calls.
- Constitution and By-laws continue to be reviewed with Pastor Dan, Karl Monroe, Kathy Milander and Bob Siegfried. They will meet to make revisions and get ready to send to the Synod.
- Pastor Dan will be on vacation from April 26 through May 2, 2021. He will be attending continuing education online on May 17 - 21.

Financial Secretary Report: Submitted by Bob Bennett.

Treasurer Report: Submitted by Bob Siegfried. Total offering continues to be down significantly compared to this time last year. We are down \$14,522 or 18.3% Expenses are up a bit, entirely due to February's snow removal costs. Fortunately it didn't snow in March. Total expenses through the end of March now exceed income by \$6,117 compared to a surplus of income over expenses this time last year of \$10,246. Building Fund contributions continue to be sufficient to cover our monthly mortgage payment.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery:

• Sales of cemetery plots helps perpetual care. Possibly looking into promotions to increase sales of plots.

COVID Re-Opening Committee:

- Hoping to have outdoor services, however we are unable to livestream from pavilion.
- Continuing parking lot services at 8 and 9:30am starting on April 18,2021. These services will be
 live and prerecorded. Congregants can be in their cars or outside on lawn chairs, Still to be
 determined if Pastor can be outside for part of services. Distance for WiFi is an obstacle. Reevaluate in May for possible to return to inside services, hoping by June.
- Next meeting May 11, 2021 at 6:30.

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

Evangelism Workshop:

• The first group has wrapped. Looking for a second group starting on April 13,2021 7 pm at the church. This is an open door, anyone can join.

Outreach:

- April 19, 2021 at 6:30 will be watching a movie.
- April 25, 2021 will be after church paint and plant party.
- · May 17, 2021 will be a Mother's Day Tea.
- · The Easter egg hunt and making homebound blankets went very well.

Property:

- · Church has been closed.
- Lawn services/snow removal services has been followed by Karl Monroe. Our current services are unable to lower costs. There are several other services that we are looking at to reduce our mowing costs. IKE has given a price of \$300 each for 20 cuts. Full cut every 10 days. If the season runs longer, \$300 each cut.
- In August, Council will be looking at bids for lawn and snow removal, and IKE is aware of
 this. It was moved by Paul Honett and seconded by Kristin Butz to accept this bid from IKE
 for mowing. Motion carried.

Worship:

- Next meeting to be held on April 15,2021 at 8 pm.
- Palm and Easter Sunday services were held in parking lot.
- Holy Humor service will be held online at 9 am. Indoor service spoken at 9am. Pastor Dan
 will bring options to meeting.

New Business:

Sunday April 11, 2021 will be Brian Baylor's last day as security. Discussion of replacing him, versus having those who meet at the church lock up when they are finished. Bob Splittgerber has Men's group on Monday nights, and the Girl Scout leader to lock up on Wed. nights. Bob Siegfried will look into getting smart locks that can be accessed via cell phone.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be May 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Win Miller and seconded by Karl Monroe. Motion carried. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kristin Butz Council Secretary



September 12 will be here sooner than you think! We are looking for people to help plan this yearly event **including the Church Picnic.** Andrea Roberts and Kristin Butz have volunteered to take the lead on this endeavor. If you would like to volunteer to join them or if you have any ideas for our 2021 service project please contact Andrea or Kristin.

Financial Secretary Report for April 2021

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
Giving Accounts		
100 - Regular Offering	22,578.80	85,611.04
Total Regular Offering 110 - Plate Offering	\$22,578.80 120.00	\$85,611.04 186.00
Total Regular & Plate Offering 121 - Christmas Offering	\$22,698.80 0.00	\$85,797.04 310.00
122 - Easter Offering	1,645.00	1,675.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	5.00	40.00
124 - Initial Offering	20.00	300.00
125 - Lent Offering	19.00	471.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	235.00	770.00
Total Special	\$1,924.00	\$3,566.00
131 - Flowers	75.00	225.00
132 - Bulletins	24.72	49.72
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	192.00
136 - Church house	787.50	2,362.50
Total Misc. Offerings Total Reg. Misc. & Spec 200 - Building Offering	\$887.22 \$25,510.02 4,531.00	\$2,829.22 \$92,192.26 16,834.50
220 - Improvement Offering	135.00	519.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings 140 - Snow Removal	\$4,666.00 10.00	\$17,353.50 165.00
383 - Memo - Leonard Frey	0.00	725.00
384 - Memo - Edith Grim	0.00	175.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	70.00	289.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	245.00	785.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	180.00	402.00
421 - Kasper Family	25.00	25.00
422 - Ladies Group	672.00	672.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	276.00
472 - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering	0.00	310.30
510 - Sunday School Offering	0.00	20.00
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	500.00	2,500.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$31,878.02	\$115,890.06

Treasurer's Report as of April 2021

Total General Fund Income \$ 93,774. Total General Fund Expenses \$ 95,166. Expenses over Income \$ 1,392.

A detailed Treasurer's Report with expense listings can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Options for Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving during the pandemic. Our members have continued to support our church and other ministries, both monetarily and with other donations. Now that we are back in person there are many ways to continue giving:

- 1. Bring your offering to church with you on Sunday mornings
- 2. **Sign up for electronic giving** through Vanco (formerly Simply Giving) see Bob Bennett for information and/or forms.
- 3. **Mail** in your weekly/monthly contributions: (3175 Valley View Dr. Bath PA 18014)
- 4. **Drop your contribution into the lockbox** located in the vestibule to the downstairs parlor. It is on the wall to your right as you enter from the outside. The vestibule is unlocked during normal business hours.
- 5. Use **Text+Give** (text the \$ amount to 610-463-0435) Vanco **Give+ Mobile App**. Download the App and follow the prompts.
- 7. **Donate directly from our website** (www.emmanuels.org). Click on the DONATE page and follow the prompts.

***A note about <u>GIVE+ Mobile App</u> and online donations through our website: Donating through the website will allow you to choose "Other" and then to specify which special appeal you would like your donation to benefit. Unfortunately this feature is NOT available on the Mobile App. We are working towards a solution to this issue - stay tuned for further updates. If you have any issues or problems with any of these giving choices please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping!

Thank You Notes Received....



Dear Members and Friends of Emmanuel's,

I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls. I want to thank the Women's Group and the Sunday School children for the Easter box and goodies. I enjoyed all the colored pictures and cards. Thanks you for the pansy plant. I have the plant on my window sill and enjoy looking at the happy faces. It's so good to know that people are thinking about me. God Bless you all.

Thanks again, Doris Engle

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Wednesday	2	6:00 PM Girl Scouts	16	23 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	30
Tuesday	1 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH	8 1:00 PM Needlecrafters 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH	15 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH	22 1:00 PM Needleorafters 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH	29 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH
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Sunday	arking Lot Parking Lot Observance Grounds	6 Indoor Worship Begins! 8:45 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 AM Outdoor Games and Picnic Day	13 8:45 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	20 Happy Father's Day! 8-45 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	27 Pastor Dan's last Sunday 8:45 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

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Deadline for the July/August Informer articles is: Friday, June 18, 2021



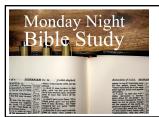
The Ladies Morning Bible Study is continuing to meet online via Zoom. Gloria Wallery has organized the group and is the host for this platform. They meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30am. Every-

one is Welcome to join! Contact Gloria Wallery at gjwallery@gmail.com if you would like to join the group.

Needlecrafters Group

If you enjoy needlecrafts please join us every other **TUESDAY** at 1:00 pm at the home of Susan Walker for stitching and fellowship. June dates are 6/8 and 6/22. Contact Susan Walker for more info.

All are welcome!



Monday Night Bible Study

The Men's Group is now the **Monday Night Bible Study** and EVERYONE is welcome to attend. The group meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm **in the Old Fellowship Hall**. Bring your Bible and a mask.

Women's Group News

We had a great time at our Spring Tea on May 17 with 19 women in attendance. The evening began with Deb Fisher leading us in prayer. Lots of fun was had by all as we enjoyed games, fellowship, prizes and amazing goodies to share. The women outdid themselves making beautiful recipe boxes.

We are looking to have some more fun with games, food and fellowship at our **Summer Potluck/ Game Night** on **June 21 at 6:30** in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up and bring a dish to share.

Hope to see you there!





FROM THE EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

What is 'Evangelism'? Just like 'Evangelical,' which we Lutherans claim to be, the word 'evangelism' has something of a tarnished reputation in some people's minds associating it with pushy or scandalous or self-righteous Bible thump-

ing people who would by no means represent all churches which do evangelism and are called "evangelical." It is NOT about unsolicited confrontations with people, either.

'Evangel' comes from the Biblical Greek word for 'good news.' In Olde English it was called 'godspell;' today we say, "gospel." It was a common word for good news, but the Gospel of Mark, beginning a new literary form, gave it a new and specific meaning: "The Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark doesn't stop there. The Good News is the entire Gospel of Mark. No, it cannot be reduced to 'Love' or 'Love your neighbor.' It is the Proclamation of Jesus Christ crucified, the incarnate God bearing the Sin of the world, his resurrection, and reconciliation with God when we repent and receive the forgiveness of sins in his Name by the Grace of God through faith in what He has done for us.

But like Mark's entire Gospel and the other three which follow and the other writings of Scripture we call 'The Word of God,' it does not stop there. At the heart of the Gospel, though, is our new relationship with God in Christ Jesus out of which follows the entire Christian life. "He is Lord of all." He is Lord over everything we think, say and do, every aspect of our lives.

The Evangelism Workshop, in its second go-around and with a third to begin near the end of June, is about living this total devotion as members of the Body of Christ and helping us to comfortably live out and share with one another and others this message of salvation. Evangelism must begin with ourselves and the members of the Body of Christ gathered together at Emmanuel's before it can be carried anywhere else. It means nothing less than the renewal here of our Lord Emmanuel's congregation.



Prayer Partners Needed For our New Mini Prayer Garden

The council has approved making part of the pavilion open to church members and the community for prayer. Individuals can stop to pray in solitude or can come when a pair of prayer partners are present. Confidentiality will be upheld.

A group of children and adults started to decorate by painting and displaying crosses, rocks and by planting flowers. We are looking for members interested in volunteering to be prayer partners. Deb Fisher is coordinating this project. **The first informational meeting will be Thursday June 3 at 7:00.** Call the church office if you are interested in being a prayer partner.

New Sessions Added!



Bear Creek has added the following sessions for the summer of 2021:

July 4-9 Summer Family Camp...a time of fellowship and family. (this session is in addition to the Family Camp session over Labor Day Weekend). For more information and registration go to https://www.bearcreekcamp.org/family-camps/

July 4-9 Artists' Retreat...Join Bear Creek Camp, along with artist Linda Keck, for our Artist's Retreat. Surround yourself with the beauty of nature to support and inspire your art. This full-week program is designed to provide the artist with an opportunity to work in a variety of natural environments including lakes, streams, meadows and woodlands. This retreat is planned for artists at any point in their creative path, including some instruction/guidance for those just starting out. You may choose to come for the full week or opt to come for just the day. For more information and registration go to https://www.bearcreekcamp.org/artists-retreat/





Miller-Keystone Blood Bank

When donating blood at Miller Keystone
Blood Bank please ask them to credit Em-

manuel's Bath and the code is 0656. This way we will receive credit for your donation.

Help Wanted: Emmanuel's is in need of someone to take over as our Blood Drive Coordinator. It involves working with the Blood Center to set up our blood drives twice a year. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry please contact the church office.

Worship Attendance for April 2021					
Week of	Traditional 8:00 am	Celebration 9:30 am	In Person Spoken 9:00 am	Total (Sunday only)	
(Easter Sunday) April 4	Parking Lot 36 Online 176	Parking Lot 27 Online 210		449	
April 11		(one online service)	22	91	
April 18	Parking Lot 7 Online 59	Parking Lot 11 Baptism 27 Online 176		194	
(Rain) April 25	Parking Lot 3 Online 72	Parking Lot 13 Online 61		149	

Average Weekly **Sunday** Attendance: 220

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.

Now that we are back at church please fill out a communion card for 2021. 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.





June Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

June 6 - Open

June 13 - Open

June 20 - Open.

June 27 - Open

June Bulletins

(\$6.00)

June 6 - Open

June 13 - In memory of Gladys Borger by her family.

June 20 - Open.

June 27 - Open

If you sponsored altar flowers they will be available for you to pick up after the Service on Sunday mornings. Or you may pick them up from the vestibule to the downstairs parlor anytime after that (the red metal door off the side parking lot). The door will be unlocked during regular office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am to 3pm). If those times do not work for you please call the church office - we will be happy to make other arrangements.



Altar Flowers/Bulletin Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers (for either the Celebration or the Traditional Service) or bulletins for any Sunday in 2021 please call the church office (610-837-1741) or send an email (emmanuelschurch@gmail.com). Cost is \$25 per vase for flowers. Bulletins are \$6 per Sunday.

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) 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.



UPDATE: Your <u>Redner's Rewards Card</u> **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:

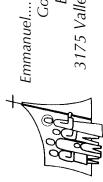
Cheryl Reeser at 610-759-6492.





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.



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Sunday Mornings

from the Fellowship Hall 8:45 am Celebration Worship

10:00 am Traditional Worship from the Sanctuary

(masks required)