

Emmanuel's Informer

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It has been two years since I arrived at Emmanuel's and those two years have been unlike any other time span in my life. I think it's safe to say that virtually everyone reading this will agree that the same applies to you too. My first months included getting to know people and working through the activities that are traditionally part of the transition process. In February 2020 we gathered for a town hall meeting at which the results of the surveys we conducted were presented and we brainstormed to identify ways in which we could continue to move forward by growing on our strengths and looking for ways to improve on those areas that present challenges. This meeting, at which we shared in a wonderful crock-pot lunch, was well attended as people showed their interest in strengthening Emmanuel's. Unfortunately March was just around the corner and because of COVID life as we knew it came to a screeching halt.

As the virus's grip became tighter and tighter, it became clear that we had to shift our focus from transition to new ways of sharing worship while making our way through a pandemic; something that none of us had any kind of preparation to deal with. I know that there have been and will continue to be strong feelings regarding how we should have proceeded and what we should do now that we seem to have turned the corner. Some are happy with what we have done. Some think we've been too cautious. And, some think that we haven't been cautious enough. Those of us in leadership positions have endeavored to base our decisions on what we feel is best for the health and well-being of all the members of this community, always taking the needs of our most vulnerable members into account. We have now reopened our building for worship and other activities while continuing our online presence. If we were to look back we'd see that, historically, the things we do, the way we live our lives, and the ways in which we worship have changed dramatically over time. Life will never be exactly as it was prior to the pandemic. Things will be different. There will be changes. But change can be a good thing if we embrace the change, are flexible, and move forward trusting God to lead us.

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Pastor's Message continued from page 1.....

At our June meeting I told the Church Council that when I came to Emmanuel's I had some specific goals in mind to help this community move through the transition time. I regret that I didn't get to do what I wanted to do, but I also know that I and others did what we had to do to get us through this uncertain period. You, the people of Emmanuel's, will be going through another change when I am no longer with you. There is no way I can predict what will take place after July 18th, but I do know that this community is strong; dedicated and caring people within the church are always working to make sure that Emmanuel's continues to be a vital life-giving community, and that finding someone to lead in both the short and long term is a top priority for Bishop deForest and his staff.

As I prepare to take my leave I ask that you let grace abound in all things. Be kind to each other, treating those you agree with and, more importantly, those with whom you disagree on any number of issues, with respect and decency. Remember, power for the future is found in claiming strengths, not in focusing on weakness and shortcomings. May God continue to richly bless you and be with you in the days and years to come.

Peace

Pr. Dan

Pastor Dan's new address:

The Rev. T. Daniel Clayborne
4 Dogwood Rd.
Worcester, MA 01606



**8:45am Celebration Worship in
Fellowship Hall**

**10:15am Traditional Worship in
the Sanctuary**

Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.

Each service will also be live-streamed and will be available on Emmanuel's Facebook page - see [**emmanuelsofma.org**](http://emmanuelsofma.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:
[**Emmanuelsofma.org**](http://Emmanuelsofma.org)



Bath Area Food Bank

During the month of **July and August** Emmanuel's will help the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting:

Canned Vegetables / Cleaning Products Crackers / Paper Products

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).



Youth Rally...Saturday, August 28 (9am - 6pm) at Covenant Methodist Church. It will include music, games, food trucks, speakers and LOTS OF FUN! **All youth from 6th - 12th grade are invited to attend.**

The youth from Covenant Methodist and Little Moore UCC have been meeting together and have invited the youth from Emmanuel's to join with them.

If you are interested in youth events or just want more information please contact Andrea Roberts.



God's Work. Our Hands. 2021 Projects



It is staggering to realize what a big issue teen homelessness is as well as human trafficking. In addition, another big problem occurs when children turn 18 and they age out of the Foster Care System with very little support. Some disheartening statistics according to the Department of Justice:

- there are 1.7 million homeless teens in the US.
- 1 in 5 teens run away.
- 34% of the homeless population is under 24.
- 45,205 homeless individuals are unaccompanied by an adult.
- 80% use drugs and alcohol to self-medicate to deal with trauma and abuse that they've experienced.
- 50% of homeless young people report that someone told them to leave or knew they were leaving and didn't care.
- 21 to 40% of homeless youth were sexually abused which compares to the 1-3% in the general population.
- 43% have been beaten, HIV rates are 3-9 times higher for homeless youth under 25.

In an effort to combat these very serious problems, Emmanuel's church is working with **Valley Youth House** for our **God's Work Our Hands Project** this year. Hopefully, we can show the youth they serve, even if it is in a small way, that God cares about them through us.

Valley Youth House has offices in Philadelphia, Orefield, Bethlehem, Wilkes Barre, West Chester, and many other locations throughout Pennsylvania. They provide School Based Counseling, School Based Attendance Support Counseling, Youth Education Programs, Camp Fowler, Emergency Shelters, Life Skills Training, Supervised Independent Living, Child Mentoring Programs, Private Supportive Housing, Substance Abuse Programs, Street Outreach, Transitional Housing, Treatment and Therapeutic Services, Prevention and Permanency Services.

Valley Youth House describes themselves and what they do by saying they are "*committed to collaborating with each young person to build a foundation for success. Our trusted team is invested in building a custom frame for every individual we work with, but it is up to each young person to put in the necessary work to see results. We don't merely offer a handout; we extend partnership. This approach ensures that no one is alone on their journey, and enables youth to tap into their natural resiliency to foster growth...We've been there for young people with nowhere else to turn for almost 50 years, and our doors remain open for future generations.*" They also describe themselves as collaborative and engaging in problem solving, not giving up on individuals.



God's Work. Our Hands. 2021 Projects



Our projects will kick off on July 1. You can choose to participate in any one or more of the following ways to support our God's Work Our Hands Project:

- Make monetary donations via offering buckets and special offering electronically
- Thrivent Action Cards - used to purchase items for the Welcome Baskets
- Walkathon - see more details below
- Donate items Welcome Baskets - choose a card and donate what's on the card - see [page 6](#) for the list of items
- Donate coats and clothing for Coats and Clothing Drive - see below
- Come on September 12 to pack up the baskets with donated items.

Walkathon

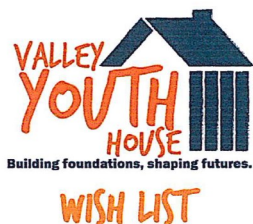
We are issuing a challenge to members of our congregation to raise money by walking 50 miles in 50 days (the average stay in a shelter is 50 days) and asking people to sponsor you. If they pledge \$1 per mile and you walk 50 miles you will have raised \$50 for Valley Youth House. Sponsor and Tally Sheets are available in Fellowship Hall and the Gathering Area upstairs.

Coats and Clothing Drive

We will be collecting **new or gently used** coats and clothing for youth staying at the shelters. All clothing should be **clean and free of holes, tears and stains**. There will be labeled collection bins located in Fellowship Hall and the upstairs Gathering Area.

Welcome Baskets

Often, when youth arrive at a shelter or other housing programs, their only possessions are the clothes they are wearing. Valley Youth House would like to have Welcome Baskets for the youth that arrive so that they can be given a warm welcome and a basket of items they can call their own (as well as take with them when they exit care). There is a list of items (with suggested brands and estimated prices) on page 6. There will be labeled collection bins located in Fellowship Hall and the upstairs Gathering Area for donated items. We will also need people to assemble the baskets on Sunday, September 12 - God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday,



Welcome Basket #1

The items below (and suggested brands with estimated prices) are requested for Welcome Basket#1:

All items should be new.

- Sturdy Laundry Basket
- Toothbrush (with travel cap) - \$1.00
- Toothpaste (Crest or Colgate, 1.4oz) - \$1.97
- Floss (Equate Comfort Dental Floss) \$4.97 (2 pack)
- Razor (Gillette Venus Sensitive Disposable) - \$6.97 (3 pack)
- Wash cloth or loofah - \$2.00
- Deodorant (Suave 24 hr. protection invisible solid) - \$1.88
- Body Wash (Dove-deep moisture 12 fl. Oz) - \$3.97 OR bar soap - (Dove white beauty bar with deep moisture 2.6 oz) - \$0.97 with travel soap holder - \$0.97
- Shampoo/Conditioner (Dove Daily Moisture 12 fl oz. - \$3.98 each
- Lotion (Jergens Ultra Healing 12.5 fl oz) - \$3.48
- Cotton Swabs (Equate travel cotton swabs 50 ct.) - \$0.97
- Chapstick - \$1.00
- Face Wash (Equate Foaming Cleanser 2-N-1) - \$2.98
- Pillows - \$4
- Bath towel/Washcloth - \$12
- Sheets (twin) - \$10
- Shower Caddy - \$8
- Tide pods - \$12

Additional ethnic products

- Shampoo/Conditioner (Cantu Shea Butter for Natural Hair Sulfate Free Hydrating cream conditioner and cleansing cream shampoo 13.5 fl. Oz.) - \$4.97 each
- Satin bonnet/hair cap (Stay On Satin) - \$1.64

There will be labeled bins for your donations to this project. Look for them in Fellowship Hall or the upstairs Gathering Area.

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.emmanuel.org). Click on the DONATE page and follow the prompts.

***A note about GIVE+ Mobile App 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!



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.



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, May 13, 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 for social distancing

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

Devotions: Meeting was opened in prayer by President Justin Fallenstein.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Corrections to minutes from last month:

- Women's group held meeting with a movie on April 19 and a Mother's Day Tea on May 17.
- Outreach held a Paint and Plant activity on April 25.
- Outreach group also held the Egg Hunt and made the home bound baskets.

It was moved by Karl Monroe and seconded by Kathy Milander to approve the minutes with these corrections. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Dan will be doing continuing education week of May 17.
- Pastor Dan will be on vacation the week of June 14 to the 20, Lynne has been in touch with Synod for supply pastor for June 20.
- Will be meeting with the group to review the Constitution and By-Laws on May 26 at 7 pm at the church.

Financial Secretary Report: Submitted by Bob Bennett. Increase noted in giving this month.

Treasurer Report: Submitted by Bob Siegfried. April was the first month this year where income exceeded our expenses. April's surplus of \$4,343 reduced our year to date deficit (expenses in excess of income) to only \$1,392. The Building Fund continues to do well, with income sufficient to cover our monthly mortgage payment. An additional \$20,000 was applied to principal in April to reduce our interest expense going forward.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education:

- Sunday School Report submitted by Paulette Obrecht. Program began on Nov. 29 and continued to 27 lessons until the end of May. Overall this was a good effort and the children enjoyed getting mail and enjoyed the crafts. Total funding was \$2,654.38 through Thrivent action grants, donations and Sunday school budget and expenses were \$2654.38, for craft supplies, mailing supplies, postage.

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

COVID Re-Opening / Worship Committee:

- Reopening has transitioned to the Worship committee.
- We will be moving to indoor worship as of June 6 with 8:45 Contemporary and 10 am Traditional Worship services. There will be singing, continue wearing masks, distancing still in effect. Will need screeners, ushers. Continue to require help with folks for streaming of services.
- Church network has been upgraded. We will maintain livestream services. To do this we will need to purchase more equipment.

It was moved by Karl Monroe and seconded by Win Miller to approve spending up to \$12,000.00 from Memorial Funds for the purchases and installation of cameras and related hardware and software and labor to enable ongoing live streaming and recording of both traditional and contemporary worship services as well as for other events. Motion carried.

Evangelism Workshop:

- The second session has started and all are welcome. Will reconvene in June.

Outreach:

- Paint and Plant on April 25. We had several folks come and plant flowers in planters, and painted inspirational messages on rocks. We also decorated the pavilion with crosses, hearts and birdhouses that were painted that day.
- Outreach will be going to Bear Creek Camp to weed and mulch on May 22.
- There will be a outdoor game day and picnic bag lunch on June 6 following the Traditional service.

Property:

- Bob Bennett will contact the alarm service to confirm all the services we are paying for and could we move to a system that could be monitored by cell phone.
- Election Day we will need to have the church open by 5:30 am and locked around 9 pm. Justin offered to open and Bob Bennett will lock up.
- Windows need to be repainted. Roof on the shed may need to be replaced.

Women's Group

- Will be going to see Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater in July.
- Also looking to initiate a Prayer Garden at the side of the pavilion. Will also be looking to start prayer partners during church and at other times during the week.

Old Business:

- Council Outreach: Council members called members of the congregation to let them know we were thinking of them and were received with appreciation, enjoyment of the online services and looking forward to getting back to in person worship.
- Karl brought up Call Committee and asked if there was any news on this front. Andrea Roberts has stated there is no news recently.
- Also still needed delegates for Synod Assembly the first week in June. Deadline to let Pastor Dan or Lynn know is Monday May 17.

New Business:

- God's Work Our Hands: Sept 12. Andrea Roberts and Kristin Butz offered to head up this committee.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be June 10, 2021 in person at the church 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



Financial Secretary Report for May 2021

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
100 - Regular Offering	22,668.20	108,279.24
Total Regular Offering	\$22,668.20	\$108,279.24
110 - Plate Offering	258.00	444.00
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$22,926.20	\$108,723.24
121 - Christmas Offering	0.00	310.00
122 - Easter Offering	10.00	1,685.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	0.00	40.00
124 - Initial Offering	0.00	300.00
125 - Lent Offering	0.00	471.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	0.00	770.00
Total Special	\$10.00	\$3,576.00
131 - Flowers	50.00	275.00
132 - Bulletins	0.00	49.72
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	192.00
136 - Church house	797.50	3,160.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$847.50	\$3,676.72
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$23,783.70	\$115,975.96
200 - Building Offering	4,112.00	20,946.50
220 - Improvement Offering	178.00	697.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$4,290.00	\$21,643.50
138 - Use of Church Facilities	50.00	50.00
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	165.00
383 - Memo - Leonard Frey	0.00	725.00
384 - Memo - Edith Grim	0.00	175.00
385 - Memo - Theresa Schafer	880.00	880.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	68.00	357.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	156.00	941.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	96.00	498.00
421 - Kasper Family	325.00	350.00
422 - Ladies Group	336.00	1,008.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	276.00
472 - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering	0.00	310.30
510 - Sunday School Offering	7.06	27.06
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	0.00	2,500.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$29,991.76	\$145,881.82

Treasurer's Report as of May 2021

Total General Fund Income	\$ 118,030.
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 117,661.
Income over Expenses	\$ 370.

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

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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.




Deadline for the September Informer articles is: Wednesday, August 18, 2021

JULY 2021

Sunday			Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 AM Joint Worship Service - FH 10:30 AM Prayer Garden Dedication - pavilion 11:00 AM Reception for Pastor Dan - Pavilion	28 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH	29 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH	30	1 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom Mitg - Zoom	2 Sec. Vacation Day 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion	3 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion			
4 Happy 4th of July! 8:45 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:15 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion	5 4th of July Holiday Observed - Office is Closed 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH	6 Sec. Vacation Day 1:00 PM Needlecrafters 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH	7 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	8 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 7:00 PM Church Council - old FH	9 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion	10 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion			
11 8:45 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:15 AM Traditional Worship - FH (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Pavilion in Use	12 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH	13 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH	14	15 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom	16 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion	17 Women's Group Esther Trip 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion			
18 Pastor Dan's last Sunday 8:45 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:15 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion	19 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 6:45 PM GWOH Women's Group - Yoga 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH	20 1:00 PM Needlecrafters 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion 7:00 PM Evangelism Workshop - OFH	21 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	22 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 7:00 PM Prayer Partner Meeting	23 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion	24 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Partner in Pavilion			
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AUGUST 2021

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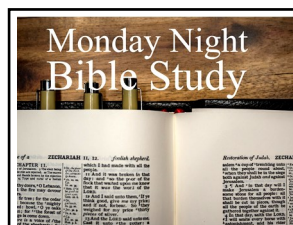
Ladies
Morning Bible Study

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. **Everyone 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. July/August dates are 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17 and 8/31 . 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

July.....Monday, July 19 at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall



Join Denise of Creative Actions Yoga as we try out some moves!

This will be an align to flow, mixed level, practice. We will focus on alignment and holding poses to then move through poses with options for those that are more advanced.

The class is \$5 per person and is for all levels. Bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothes.

Sign up on sign up sheet or call the church office.

Everyone is Welcome!

August.....Monday, August 16 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

The activity is to be announced. Keep on the lookout for more information.



The Evangelism Workshop continues to meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the old fellowship hall. If you would like more information about this group or if you are interested in joining please contact Bob Splittgerber.

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.



Prayer Garden at the Pavilion

Thank You to all who are helping with sprucing up the new Prayer Garden at the Pavilion. We wanted to utilize this wonderful space in nature. The dedication of the garden took place on June 27 following the 9:30 service. This new space for prayer is in

addition to our more formal Prayer Garden that still exists on the east side of our building. It is more accessible to those with mobility issues as you can drive right up to the pavilion. The pavilion is now open for individual prayer and also for prayer with a Prayer Partner. This will be available for the community and the Police Dept will be notified so that they are aware this is happening. Thank you to our church council for approving this ministry. Anyone who feels that this ministry of outreach is for you, please feel free to join us. Our summer meetings will be July 22 and August 26, both at 7pm.

The Prayer Garden at the Pavilion will be open every day (Sun - Sat) from dawn to dusk.. Prayer partners will be available :

Sunday	11am - 12pm	Friday	6 pm -7pm
Monday	9am - 10am	Saturday	11am - 12pm
Tuesday	5pm - 6pm		

Our current Prayer Partners are Billie Fairman, Deb Fisher, Phyllis Palamaro, Andrea Roberts, Bob Splittgerber and Gloria Wallery. If you would like to join them please contact Deb Fisher (610-217-4195).



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!

Please pray for our campers who will be attending Bear Creek Camp this summer:

Attending Session 2 (June 27 - July 2): Leah Eldridge, Richard Nemeth, Sadie Eldridge and Seth Edlridge.

Attending Family Camp (July 4 - July 9) Heather Bennett-Knerr and Zeke Knerr

Attending Session 7 (August 1 - August 6): Caden Dempsey, Evan Dempsey and Alex Schoenen.

Dear Lord, Bless our campers and keep them safe as they embark on a journey filled with adventure, fun and faith that will help them grow closer to you. Amen.



Project Back 2 School



Once again we have been asked by Behavioral Health Associates in Lehighton to help provide school supplies and personal care items for their students (grades K-12). The items requested include:

Pencils	Colored Pencils	Lined Paper	Erasers
Pens	Highlighters	Spiral Notebooks	Construction Paper
Markers	2 Pocket Folders	Composition Books	Glue Sticks
Crayons	2 Pocket Folders w/fasteners	Scissors	Tissues
		Hygiene Products	Rulers

There are collection bins in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall.



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Miller-Keystone Blood Bank

When donating blood at Miller Keystone Blood Bank please ask them to credit **Emmanuel'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 May 2021

Week of	Traditional 8:00 am	Celebration 9:30 am	Total
May 2	Parking Lot 14 Online 166	Parking Lot 14 Online 177	Parking Lot 28 Online 343
May 9	Parking Lot 15 Online 48	Parking Lot 18 Online 45	Parking Lot 33 Online 93
May 16	Parking Lot 11 Online 78	Parking Lot 17 Online 65	Parking Lot 28 Online 143
May 23	Parking Lot 13 Online 122	Parking Lot 11 Online 145	Parking Lot 24 Online 267
(Rain) May 30	Parking Lot 6 Online 120	Parking Lot 16 Online 121	Parking Lot 22 Online 241

Average Weekly **In-Person** Attendance: 27
Average Weekly **Online** Attendance: 217

Baptisms

Lucas Henry Irons, son of **Michael D. and Elizabeth I. (Cummings) Irons** was baptized on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at the 10:00 Traditional Service. Lucas was born on September 24, 2020. His sponsors were Kimberly Kaiser and Daniel Irons.

Funerals

Theresa J. Schafer, 75, passed to her eternal rest on Saturday, May 22, 2021. A funeral service was held on May 28, 2021 at Bensing Funeral Home. Pastor Clayborne officiated at the service. Her final resting place is Mountain View Cemetery.





Growing Young & Vital

Northeastern PA Synod

34th Annual Online Synod Assembly – June 4-5, 2021

The 34th Annual Synod Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA was held online on June 4 and 5, 2021. Our Synod covers a 14 county area of our state and includes 268 congregations, 9 mission districts and over 119,000 people. It was presided over by Bishop Christopher deForest and Synod Vice President Kristen Edelman-Weiner. The theme of the assembly was “Growing Young and

Vital” This theme recognizes an overall goal that God has for our Synod, and for all of us and our congregations: we seek to invite and inspire young people to share their needs and concerns, joys and passions; and to take their place with all of us, in making and re-making the church as Jesus-centered community for today. This theme recognizes an overall goal that God has for our Synod, and for all of us and our congregations: we seek to invite and inspire young people to share their needs and concerns, joys and passions; and to take their place with all of us, in making and re-making the church as Jesus-centered community for today.

The assembly opened with worship each day with music provided by our own Bobby Siegfried along with many other talented musicians from our Synod. The four plenary sessions covered the important necessary business of our Church – reports from Synod officers, committees and organizations, approval of minutes from the Oct. 2020 Synod Assembly, election of Synod Council members and delegates to the 2022 churchwide assembly, approval of the 2022 spending proposal, recognition of significant anniversaries, greetings from various organizations including Bear Creek Camp, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, Muhlenberg College, Women of the ELCA and United Lutheran Seminary. We also heard messages from Ms. Jodi Slattery, our churchwide representative and Mr. Jim Jennings from the ELCA Church Council. There was one resolution passed: That the proposed "Resolution to Include Non-Binary And Gender Fluid Persons In The Official Life Of The Church" be sent without prejudice to the 2022 Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as a memorial from this synod. The assembly ended with the joyous installation service of our new Bishop, The Rev. Christopher deForest. Bishop deForest was elected at the Oct. 2020 assembly but was not installed due to limitations of the Covid pandemic. Our ELCA churchwide Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, presided at the installation.

Thank you to the congregation for allowing us to attend. We were honored to represent Emmanuel's at this important annual “tending to business” and celebration of our NEPA Synod.

Lynne Ambrose
Michele Geiger

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

MINLAB 21

How has your church been able to: Heal the Hurting, Love the Land, and Engage the Stranger?

Learn new ideas to take home and try. And show and tell others about the "vital signs" you've seen "growing" in your midst through God's grace, love and care in your community. On August 14th we will also go deeper into ways the "Growing Young" movement across our Synod is making a difference and changing the ways we are growing as a Jesus-centered community.

We hope every congregation will send at least two participants, to learn and share and grow. **Join us August 14, 2021**

Sign up online at Godslove.org



Christian Freedom vs. American Freedom

As we gather this month to celebrate July 4th and the **Freedom** ascribed to us as citizens of the United States of America, we often think of the individual freedoms that we 'hold dear.' Those "I" statements regardless of impact on another. We must understand these notions of what freedom means for us as **Lutheran Christians** and how we celebrate freedom *from* and *for*. We often see freedom as *from* something: oppression of speech, restriction of arms, etc. However, when God talks about freedom, God speaks of freedom *for* one

Meet Laurie Christman

Born and raised in Allentown, I now live with my husband of 31 years, two young adult sons, and one tortoiseshell cat in Lehigh Township, Northampton County. Hobbies flow with the seasons - gardening, reading, jigsaw puzzles and upcycling crafts.

During office hours, you'll find me at the front desk in the Lutheran Center. I enjoy answering the phone and greeting folks when they visit. If I don't have the information you need, I'll track it down or connect you with the right person. When you do your yearly congregational report, I'm the person that makes sure we have a copy in the synod's record. I keep the roster of people and congregations updated as well. My most challenging task is scheduling supply pastors for congregations in transition, as there seems to never be enough pastors.



another. Jesus states the 'greatest commandment' is to *love one another as he (Jesus) loves us* (John 13:24-25). This biblical freedom, is one which Luther encouraged others to share. The promise that God engages us in freedom for one another. **To build up community** by strengthening relationships with one another and with God. The diversity by which we have been created is something that is meant to offer strength not divide. Luther spends a lot of time with Paul's letters, and the language of the **Body of Christ**. *We are all members of Christ's body, together, united, with differing views, even on the understanding of Freedom.* While we are different we are united. The same blood flows through us all." Luther quotes Romans 6:4 in the Small Catechism to support the above claim: "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too, are to walk in new life."

Let us celebrate this nation's day of independence both from oppression, and for the love of one another: that we may see the unity in the diverse makeup of our nation, which strengthens our resolve as community, to live into the Body of Christ more fully every day.

Pastor Zach Labagh, Lead Pastor at Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church, Knauers, PA

July/August Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

July 4

Traditional - Open

Celebration - In memory of brother-in-law Larry Reimert by Carol and Barry Moyer.

July 11

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

July 18

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

July 25

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

August 1

Traditional - In memory of John & Emma Miltenberger by the Family.

Celebration - Open

August 8

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

August 15

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

August 22

Traditional - In honor of the wedding anniversary of Bob and Barbara Bennett

Celebration - In honor of the wedding anniversary of Bob and Barbara Bennett

August 29

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

July/August Bulletins

(\$6.00)

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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 emmanuelchurch@gmail.com). Cost is \$25 per vase for flowers. Bulletins are \$6 per Sunday.

July/August 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.

	Altar Care	Greeter	Ushers	Reader	Media
July 4	8:45 Bonnie Himmelwright 10:15 Barbara Bennett	8:45 Wendy Whiteash 10:15 Nancy Marsh	8:45 Jan Bourdelle Susan Gerken 10:15 Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett	8:45 Kristin Butz 10:15 Nancy Marsh	8:45 ----- 10:15 Win Miller
July 11	8:45 Bonnie Himmelwright 10:15 Karl & Sue Monroe	8:45 Cheryl Haas 10:15 Sue Monroe	8:45 Andrea Roberts Nancy Karc 10:15 Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien	8:45 Bonnie Himmelwright 10:15 Deb Fisher	8:45 ----- 10:15 Karl Monroe
July 18	8:45 Bonnie Himmelwright 10:15 Bob Splittgerber	8:45 Dianna Schoenen 10:15 Terry DeGroot	8:45 Bill Kasper Mercedes Kasper 10:15 Dean Chenski Susan Chenski	8:45 Doreen Davidson 10:15 Bob Splittgerber	8:45 ----- 10:15 Jessie Hnatow
July 25	8:45 Bonnie Himmelwright 10:15 Jane Fried	8:45 Andrea Roberts 10:15 Lynne Ambrose	8:45 Nancy Karc Dianne Schoenen 10:15 Jane Fried Paul Honett	8:45 Bonnie Himmelwright 10:15 Lois Voorhees	8:45 ----- 10:15 Michele Geiger
Aug 1	8:45 Bonnie Himmelwright 10:15 Cindy & Gary O'Brien	8:45 Jan Bourdelle 10:15 Bob Splittgerber	8:45 Heather B-Knerr Doreen Davidson 10:15 Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien	8:45 Bonnie Himmelwright 10:15 Dave Ambrose	8:45 ----- 10:15 Lynne Ambrose
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Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3

Colin Davidson — Northampton High School, AP Honors Grad. Colin will be attending Wilson College, majoring in Health Sciences. His parents are Doreen and Jeff Davidson.

Joseph Green — Northampton High School. Joseph will be attending Bloomsburg University, majoring in Finance. His parents are Carla Evans and Daniel Green.

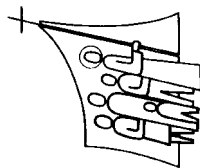
Alfonso Kasper — Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School. His father is Bill Kasper.

Gabriel Louw — Nazareth High School, AP Honors Grad. Gabe will be attending Penn State University, Schreyer Honor College, majoring in Music Performance and Environmental Engineering. His parents are Clarissa and Jeff Louw.

Brooke McCans — Northampton High School and Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School where she completed the Commercial Arts Program. Her mother is Lorrie McCans.

Samuel Schoenen — Northampton High School. Sam will be attending Northampton Community College, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Education. His parents are Dianna and David Schoenen.

Logan Wolfe — Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School. Logan will be attending Northampton Community College where he is enrolled in their Lineman Program. His parents are Sally and Tim Wolfe.



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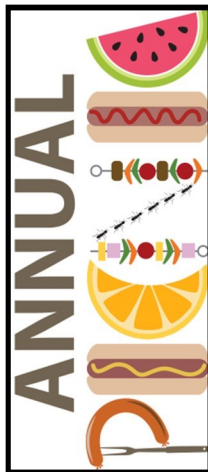
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