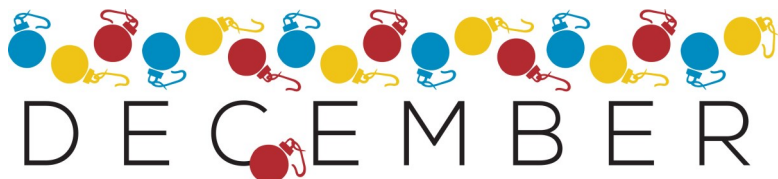


# Emmanuel's Informer

December 2021 Volume 53, Number 12



## Go Ahead –Take a Breath ...

by Pastor Paulette Obrecht

So many of us struggle to find time to put God into the busy-ness of our lives, especially as the Christmas season approaches. We can hardly find time to spend one or two hours on a Sunday to attend worship services, so how can we be expected to set aside time *every day* for prayer and devotions? But, isn't that when we need prayer the most – when our lives have become so cluttered, so packed with activities and *stuff*, that we need to “take a breath” for a moment to recoup – just for a moment.



Go ahead – take a breath. A cleansing breath. Breathe air in through your nose, fill up your lungs for a moment, and let the air out slowly through your mouth. That felt good, didn't it?

Now do it again. Breathe in – pause – breathe out. There – did you notice it? The silent sigh of your breathing – a sigh too deep for words. Was that the Spirit of God, present with you, helping you take this moment to just *be*? The Spirit of God taking a moment to listen for what you might want to say to God?

Go ahead. Say something. “God, be with me through this day. Amen.” Breathe in – pause – breathe out. “Lord, thank you for your Spirit within me – the *ruach* – the breath of your creating presence.”

In an article, “Points of Prayer,” it suggests we set the beeper on our watch or cell phone. When it beeps for your attention, take time for a “cleansing breath” and pray silently. The first time, *you* say the prayer. The next time, listen to what God is saying to you.

There. You've just found a way to begin putting prayer in your life. And, this really *is* the best time to begin doing it – the season of new beginnings – the season of Advent. The season of hope through Jesus Christ, God with us.

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



## *Advent...*

The four Sundays of Advent lead us in preparation for the joy of the Christ - mass, the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blue, the color of hope, is our Advent color. We wait and watch expectantly for Christ to come again into our midst, bringing hope and joy.



Three opportunities for worship:

- 5:00pm - **Family Service** with familiar carols and a children's message. This service will be held in Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm - **Celebration Candlelight Service** with familiar carols. This service will be held in Fellowship Hall.
- 11:00pm - **Traditional Candlelight Service.** This service will be held in the Sanctuary.

*All are welcome to Celebrate Christmas Joy!*



## **Service of Lessons and Carols**

Join us on **Sunday, December 26 at 9:30am** as we sing familiar carols and hear God's word in this service of scripture and song.

The service will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Holy Communion will be celebrated.



**8:45am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

**10:00am Celebration Worship in Fellowship Hall**

**10:00am Sunday School**

**Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.**

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



## **Sundays at 10:00am in Old Fellowship Hall**

We are excited to offer Sunday School for children ages 3 to 8th grade! It is a time for our children to learn about God's love and many other lessons from his work, our Bible.

**We need help!** Please sign up for a time to be with our children in grades 1-5. Please sign up online at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aa8a723aafd0-sunday4>

Any questions? Please contact Heather Bennett-Knerr at 610-392-9750. Thank you for your help!

## 2021 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 **\$10.00** each. A reservation form is found below.

The deadline to place your order is **Sunday, December 6.** Just complete the form and place it in an envelope marked Poinsettia Order, and include the correct amount of **\$10.00 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)

Total quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The price for each red poinsettia is **\$10.00**.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6.**



## Bath Area Food Bank

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

**Canned Fruit, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels**

**Also appreciated this month:**

**Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes and StoveTop Stuffing**

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

*Just a reminder that the Food Bank is no longer accepting clothing of any kind.*

**Donations for the food bank can be dropped off in the bins in Fellowship Hall or the upstairs Gathering Area. We are no longer collecting Food Bank items in the vestibule (red door).**

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 or bring them to the church office

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



**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.**



### 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.

# 2021 Christmas Homebound



Louise Diaz  
Gracedale  
T-6, A-2-3  
2 Gracedale Ave.  
Nazareth PA 18064

Doris Engle  
2638 Community Dr  
Bath, PA 18014

Donald Fisher  
777 S. Mink Rd.  
Bath PA 18014

Anthony Hnatow  
Saucon Valley Manor  
105 Main St.  
Hellertown PA 18055

Jean Lotti  
1015 N. Oaks Rd.  
Danielsville PA 18038

Vernon & Pat Mann  
4954 Cheryl Dr.  
Bethlehem PA 18017

Dorothy Meckes  
Chandler Estate  
1569 Teels Rd.  
Pen Argyl PA 18072  
610-863-3479

Louise and Jack Miltenberger  
319 West Main St  
Bath, PA 18014

June Myster  
Liza's House  
1357 Blue Mountain Dr.  
Danielsville PA 18038

David Schramel  
133 W. Union Blvd. Apt. 308  
Bethlehem PA 18018

Joe & Debra Siekonik  
247 Mahogany Place  
Northampton PA 18067

Joyce Smith  
Gracedale, T-6  
2 Gracedale Ave.  
Nazareth PA 18064

Joyce Sobers  
2429 Royal Oak Lane  
Bath PA 18014

Ray & Bette Walker  
2844 Valley View Dr.  
Bath PA 18014

Bill Witmer  
Heather Glen Personal Care  
Room 215  
415 Blue Barn Rd.  
Allentown PA 18104

Sue Witmer  
Heather Glen Personal Care  
Memory Care 3B  
415 Blue Barn Rd.  
Allentown PA 18104

Norman Zader  
Mrs. Bush's Pers. Care Home  
Rm. 9W  
P.O. Box 327  
Kunkletown, PA 18058

## EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

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

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Justin Fallenstein.

**Devotions:** Meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Paulette Obrecht.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Karl Monroe and seconded by Win Miller to approve the Sept. Council minutes.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Submitted by Bob Bennett. There was a \$500 decrease in regular offering for Sept, but was improved from Aug giving.

**Treasurer Report:** Submitted by Bob Siegfried. Income surplus of \$7400.

**Pastor's Report:** Welcome to Pastor Paulette Obrecht, our new Interim Pastor.

- Pastor submitted a detailed pastor report with highlights including 6 hospital visits, 2 home visits, meetings at Emmanuel's by phone - 2, ZOOM - 2, worship services - 8, Community meetings - ZOOM - 2, and in person - 2.
- Pastor has begun presiding at regular worship services.
- The God's Work Our Hands laundry basket project was completed.
- The third grade Bible class and first Holy Communion class were conducted.
- Work with Win Miller on possible Stewardship campaign ideas.
- Worked with Karl and Win on 300 year anniversary Celebration ideas.
- Also Pastor is beginning to prepare for Advent and Christmas services.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### HR Committee:

- Pete moved to hire Bobby Siegfried starting on Nov. 1 to be our Director of Music including our Contemporary Service and organist for our Traditional Service at an annual salary of \$24,000. It was seconded by Win Miller. Motion carried.
- Posted to Synod for a Choir/Bell choir director and have received a resume.

#### Outreach:

- \$1060 was raised from the bake sale and flea market. Total of \$1260 for window painting.
- Looking to start possible yoga classes once a month at 5:30 on Monday nights for \$5 a session. Possible to expand to invite the women from Yoga in the Park in Bath. Bob Siegfried will check into our insurance coverage for this.
- Profit from the bake sale will go toward Meals on Wheels.
- Fall Festival - there will be a free will offering and go toward Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving basket. This will be on Oct. 24 at 11:30 following Contemporary Service.
- Looking at holding an Advent Festival with crafts, games, snack to take home on Nov. 28.
- Also looking to do something in the spring with the ladies who organized the fall fest.

## EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

### Property:

- Karl received 2 bids for mowing, one from IKE, who is unable to do snow removal, so we will still need to look for snow removal bids.
- Prayer partners are looking to move indoors, possibly in the back of Fellowship Hall during office hours.,

### Worship Committee:

- All Saints Sunday on Nov. 7, 2021.
- There will be 3 Christmas Eve services: 5 pm Downstairs, 7 pm Downstairs, 11 pm upstairs Traditional. Downstairs was chosen for increased seating and social distancing. Type of services to be determined at next meeting. Decision made to drop to 3 services based on current weekly attendance (approx. 40 per service) and don't anticipate 500-600 as have attended in previous years on Christmas Eve. Also there is only 1 pastor. There will be no Christmas Day services.
- Dec. 26, 2021 - there will be only 1 service of Lessons and Carols downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am.
- Flower sponsor plans to begin Jan 2022: the church has paid close to \$2k by this point this year towards altar flowers for both services due to lack of sponsors. Therefore we are going to move to reusable silk flowers when there are no sponsors. We will also be moving to online flower/bulletin sponsors for 2022, via Sign Up Genius. Sponsors can still contact the church office if they do not want to sponsor online.
- 2022 Worship Budget remains the same at \$7700. Flower budget will be decreased from \$3700 to \$1000.

### **New Business:**

- 2022 budget estimate submitted by Bob Siegfried.
- There are 3 council positions that will be vacated in Dec.
- The 300 year Anniversary Committee will be meeting on Oct. 17 over lunch. Win will announce the place after church services.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be November 11, 2021 at the church at 7:00 pm.

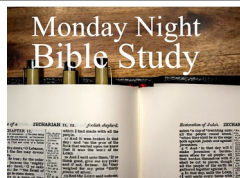
Motion to adjourn made by Mercedes Kasper and seconded by Pete Coccetti. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Butz  
Council Secretary

## Calling All Emmanuel's College Students!

As your church family, we'd like to stay in touch with you as you journey through this phase of your lives. When you are home for the Christmas holidays/semester break, make sure to contact the church office and share your college address so we might send you a monthly newsletter and other greetings to help support you in your studies. Students who commute, let us know where you are attending school, so we might reach out to you as well. Any questions, please contact Pastor Paulette (610-393-9713).





## 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**.



## 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. December dates are 12/7 and 12/21. Contact Susan Walker for more info.

**All are welcome!**

## Stocking Project

At our December 7 meeting (we will be meeting at 10:00am on this date) , the Needlecrafters Group will be stuffing stockings for our homebound members. We will be collecting small jello packs, pudding cups, crackers, cereal bars (soft ones, please). Fruit gummies are also a great idea. The stocking will be filled with the snacks for delivery. If you are unable to attend please contact Deb Fisher or Susan Walker or leave your snack donations in the bins labeled "Stocking Project the Homebound Members".

## Delivery of Poinsettias and Stockings

There will be a sign up sheet for the delivery of the stockings and small poinsettias to our homebound members. **Would you help us please?** This is an excellent way to share God's love and to remember folks who were active when they could be. The smiles on their faces are a true gift to us. I (Deb Fisher), for one, will remember the many we delivered to over the years and how they appreciated the love of their church family. Those memories are priceless! Please sign up if you can help.



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. During December they will zoom together for

"Meet, Greet and Tweet" meetings. They will also be deciding on their next course of study. **Everyone is Welcome to join! Contact Gloria Wallery at [gjwallery@gmail.com](mailto:gjwallery@gmail.com) if you would like to join .**

# DECEMBER 2021

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28 8:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM Prayer Partner available 10:00 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Advent Festival 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Prayer Partner available		29 Secretary Vacation Day 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 5:30 PM Yoga Class - FH 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH		30 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg - Zoom		1 Secretary Vacation Day 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:45 PM Cantata Rehearsal - FH		2 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH 7:00 PM Property Comm		3 1:30 PM Prayer Partner available - OFH		4 10:00 AM Cantata Rehearsal - FH	
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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](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.



## Prayer Garden News

We will continue our Prayer Garden indoors for the winter months (Nov. into March).

I would like to thank all our Prayer Partners and also all our members in the Prayer Chain.

Prayers are answered, maybe not as we expect. There are things that can't be explained, but in years to come they may come to light. Are you worried about an elderly loved one? Does a relative or friend have a problem? Are you going through a divorce? Have you lost a loved one? Whatever the problem, prayer can help! Please take advantage of our Prayer Partners! They are available to listen and help and all concerns are kept confidential. God is there for all of us.

Prayer Partners are available every weekday (Mon - Fri) from 1:30 - 2:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall and on Sundays after worship. The times are also listed on the monthly calendar. Please remember the holidays can be very difficult for many folds due to mane circumstances. Please pray for them. Thank you! *Deb Fisher*



It's time to.....



Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:00 am.

Come and help us decorate (up and down) for  
the Christmas holidays!

Donuts and coffee will be provided.



CREATIVE ACTIONS YOGA



## Yoga

Denise from Creative Action Yoga will be holding a class in Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings at 5:30pm. Cost is \$5 per class (pay as you go). Please bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothes. All are welcome!

## Financial Secretary Report for October 2021

<i>Giving Accounts</i>			
100 - Regular Offering		23,306.04	211,010.48
	<b>Total Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$23,306.04</b>	<b>\$211,010.48</b>
110 - Plate Offering		361.00	1,838.00
	<b>Total Regular &amp; Plate Offering</b>	<b>\$23,667.04</b>	<b>\$212,848.48</b>
120 - Special Offering - Regular		0.00	10.00
121 - Christmas Offering		0.00	310.00
122 - Easter Offering		0.00	1,695.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering		0.00	42.00
124 - Initial Offering		0.00	310.00
125 - Lent Offering		0.00	473.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering		0.00	770.00
	<b>Total Special</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,610.00</b>
130 - Miscellaneous Income		0.00	175.00
131 - Flowers		400.00	1,152.06
132 - Bulletins		12.00	122.72
133 - Easter Flowers		0.00	192.00
136 - Church house		1,575.00	7,875.00
	<b>Total Misc. Offerings</b>	<b>\$1,987.00</b>	<b>\$9,516.78</b>
	<b>Total Reg. Misc. &amp; Spec</b>	<b>\$25,654.04</b>	<b>\$225,975.26</b>
200 - Building Offering		3,682.38	37,590.88
220 - Improvement Offering		253.00	1,452.00
	<b>Total Build &amp; Imp Offerings</b>	<b>\$3,935.38</b>	<b>\$39,042.88</b>
138 - Use of Church Facilities		50.00	550.00
140 - Snow Removal		0.00	165.00
260 - Streaming Equipment		0.00	6,130.44
270 - Sanctuary Windows - Painting		1,260.00	1,260.00
383 - Memo - Leonard Frey		0.00	725.00
384 - Memo - Edith Grim		0.00	175.00
385 - Memo - Theresa Schafer		0.00	1,540.00
386 - Memo - Edward Lavenburg		0.00	50.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering		35.00	694.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank		145.00	1,786.00
420 - World Hunger Offering		78.00	1,021.00
421 - Kasper Family		0.00	400.00
422 - Ladies Group		0.00	1,008.00
423 - Behavioral Health Assoc.		0.00	60.00
424 - Meals on Wheels		110.00	110.00
450 - Souper Sunday		0.00	276.00
472 - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering		0.00	310.30
475 - God's Work. Our Hands.		0.00	962.50
500 - Christian Education		20.00	35.00
510 - Sunday School Offering		12.00	278.18
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service		500.00	5,500.00
	<b>Total Giving Accounts</b>	<b>\$31,799.42</b>	<b>\$288,054.56</b>

### Treasurer's Report as of October 2021

Total General Fund Income	\$	239,479.
Total General Fund Expenses	\$	219,643.
Income over Expenses	\$	9,836.

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)
6. Vanco Give+ Mobile App. Download the App and follow the prompts.  
**NOTE: This app is being discontinued by Vanco. Please download their NEW APP: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement.**
7. **Donate directly from our website** ([www.emmanuel.org](http://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!



## Are You in the Hospital?

When you are admitted to the hospital it is important for you or a family member to call the church office and let us know - so the pastor can make sure to visit you before you are discharged. You can also tell them at the hospital that your "church code" is 222 or that you are a member of Emmanuel's Lutheran Church in Bath.

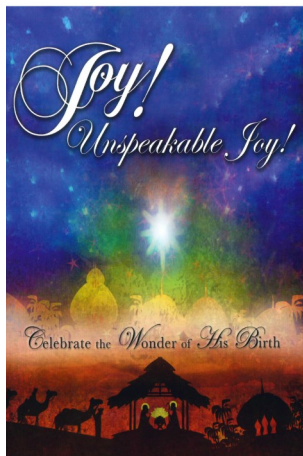
Call the church office at 610-837-1741 and please leave a message if no one answers.

## 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.



### Christmas Cantata *Joy! Unspeakable Joy!*

Sunday, December 19, 2:00pm

Fellowship Hall

## OH, THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS ...

You get up on a Sunday morning, look out the window and see nothing but white, or your street is a sheet of ice ... you wonder if Sunday School and/or the Worship Service has been cancelled because of this "inclement weather". To make sure:



1. Go to WFMZ Channel 69 & watch for Emmanuel's Lutheran, Bath on the crawl at the bottom of the screen
2. Check updated message on church answering machine at 610-837-1741
3. Check Emmanuel's website at [www.emmanuel.org](http://www.emmanuel.org)



Deadline for the January Informer articles is: **Monday, December 13, 2021**

## Worship Attendance for October 2021

Sunday School	Week of	Traditional 8:45 am		Celebration 10:00 am		Total	
12	Oct 3	In-Person	37	In-Person	44	In-Person	81
		Online	115	Online	116	Online	231
20	Oct 10	In-Person	34	In-Person	50	In-Person	84
		Online	37	Online	47	Online	84
20	Oct 17	In-Person	42	In-Person	60	In-Person	102
		Online	33	Online	52	Online	85
22	Oct 24	In-Person	34	In-Person	43	In-Person	77
		Online	34	Online	54	Online	88
14	Oct 31	In-Person	37	In-Person	46	In-Person	83
		Online	42	Online	51	Online	93
Average Weekly <b>In-Person</b> Attendance: 85							
Average Weekly <b>Online</b> Attendance: 116							



### Baptisms

**Madison Rose Rodriguez**, daughter of **McKenzie M. Magliane and Manrique R. Rodriguez** was baptized on Sunday, No-

vember 14, 2021 at the 8:45am Traditional Service. Madison was born on July 26, 2021. Her sponsors were the congregation.

## Funerals

**Joanne E.E. Markulics**, 83, passed to her eternal rest on Monday, October 11, 2021. A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Pastor Paulette Obrecht officiated at the service. Her final resting place is Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Allentown.



**Melissa A. Mast**, 47, passed to her eternal rest on Saturday, November 6, 2021. A funeral service was held on Friday, November 12 2021 at George G. Bensing Funeral Home. Pastor Paulette Obrecht officiated at the service. Her final resting place is New Hope Cemetery in Danielsville.

**Donald C. Lerch**, 67, passed to his eternal rest on Sunday, November 7, 2021. A graveside service was held on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Pastor Paulette Obrecht officiated at the service. His final resting place is Mountain View Cemetery.

## December Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

### Dec 5

**Traditional** - in honor of the 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of Elsie Edelman by the O'Brien & Coccetti families.

**Celebration** - Open

### Dec 12

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - In memory of the birthday of father, Ricky Reph by Cheryl & Walter Haas

### Dec 19

**Traditional** - In memory of Robert Edelman by wife, Elsie and the O'Brien & Coccetti families.

**Celebration** - In memory of mothers, Marie Beil and Elsie Moyer by Carol & Barry Moyer.

### Dec 26

**Traditional** - Poinsettias

**Celebration** - Poinsettias

## December Bulletins

(\$6.00)

### Dec 5

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - Open

### Dec 12

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - In memory of great grandfather Ricky Reph by the Haas grandchildren.

### Dec 19

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - Open

### Dec 26

**Traditional** - Poinsettias

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## Altar Flowers / Bulletins 2022

Effective immediately Emmanuel's has moved to online sign-ups for Altar Flowers and bulletins for our weekly services utilizing Sign Up Genius. There are two separate sign-ups - one for the 8:45am Traditional Service and one for the 10:00am Celebration Service. The online addresses are long and cumbersome so the best way to access Sign Up Genius is by using the links that are listed in the weekly eNews or on our website ([www.emmanuel.org](http://www.emmanuel.org)).

If you don't have computer access or are uncomfortable using Sign Up Genius, please do not hesitate to call Lynne in the church office (610-837-1741) with your requests. She will be more than happy to take your information and enter it into the online system.

Just a reminder - as of January 1, 2022 whenever there are no "live" flower sponsors at either of the services, silk flower arrangements will be used in their place. If we have no sponsor at the contemporary service, a silk arrangement will be displayed. If there are no sponsors at all upstairs, two silk arrangements will be used at the altar. If we have a sponsor for one vase of live flowers upstairs on any given week, Emmanuel's will purchase the second live arrangement (which will provide matching flowers at the altar). The extra arrangement can be then delivered to a shut-in if appropriate. In recent years, we've had fewer flower sponsors, which in turn, means the church has been responsible for the added expense. So if you want to see "live" flowers on the altars please sponsor them!

# December 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
Traditional <b>Dec 5</b> Celebration	<b>8:45</b> Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie H	<b>8:45</b> Terry DeGroot  <b>10:00</b> Jane Loupos	<b>8:45</b> Paul Honett Jane Fried  <b>10:00</b> Wendy Whiteash Jane Loupos	<b>8:45</b> Terry DeGroot  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie H.	<b>8:45</b> Sue Monroe  <b>10:00</b> -----
Traditional <b>Dec 12</b> Celebration	<b>8:45</b> Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie H	<b>8:45</b> Win Miller  <b>10:00</b> Nancy Karc	<b>8:45</b> Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett  <b>10:00</b> Nancy Karc Krista Kreiger	<b>8:45</b> Nancy Marsh  <b>10:00</b> Amy Hower	<b>8:45</b> Jessie Hnatow  <b>10:00</b> -----
Traditional <b>Dec 19</b> Celebration	<b>8:45</b> Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie H	<b>8:45</b> Gary O'Brien  <b>10:00</b> Mercedes Kasper	<b>8:45</b> Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien  <b>10:00</b> Mercedes Kasper Bill Kasper	<b>8:45</b> Dave Ambrose  <b>10:00</b> Deb Fisher	<b>8:45</b> Lynne Ambrose  <b>10:00</b> -----
<b>Dec 26</b> One Service (FH)	<b>9:30</b> Bonnie H. Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett	<b>9:30</b> Doreen Davidson	<b>9:30</b> Dianna Schoenen Doreen Davidson	<b>9:30</b> Bonnie H.	-----



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**BLOOD CENTER**

## Thank You to our Blood Donors!

Emmanuel's, along with Miller Keystone Blood Center, would like to send out a huge

**THANK YOU!** to all of our members who faithfully donate blood, platelets and other blood components throughout the year. When you donate you save lives and improve the health of our community.

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.

# God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of a difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



## Here's Your Chance to Give Something Unexpected this Christmas!



At Christmas we remember that we have received the gift of God's love and so we share God's love with others by giving them gifts. This year, why not consider giving something that is fun, meaningful and makes a lasting difference in the world? Why not choose something from ELCA Good Gifts as a way to honor a family member or friend?



This year at Emmanuel's, the tags will be back on the Giving Trees in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall beginning on November 28. They will remain until the end of December. Select an ornament from one of the trees, donate the amount listed (the ornament is yours to keep) and help grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel's and put what your donation is for in the memo line.



OR.....instead of taking a tag from the trees, you can participate online by going to [goodgifts.elca.org/wish-list/emmanuels-christmas-gifts-2021](http://goodgifts.elca.org/wish-list/emmanuels-christmas-gifts-2021) and picking something from Emmanuel's Wish List.

You can make your purchase from the website in honor of family or friends and Emmanuel's will receive notice that you have removed that item from our wish list. You can also print or email a card to your someone special to let them know that you've purchased this special gift in their honor. Give something unexpected in a year full of unexpected events - and help make a real and lasting change in the life of someone in need.

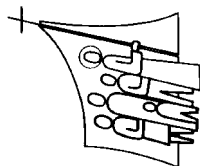


Give something **unexpected** this Christmas.

A direct link to our Good Gifts Wish List can be found in the weekly eNews or on our website (emmanuel.org). You can also go to ELCA Good Gifts and search for "Emmanuel's" to find our Wish List for 2021

**Note:** When entering your billing information online during checkout you **MUST** choose a "Title" (Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc) or you cannot complete your order.

[\*\*ELCA.org/goodgifts\*\*](http://ELCA.org/goodgifts)



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### **Christmas Eve Services**

5:00pm Family Service w/ familiar carols  
 and a Children's Message -  
 Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Candlelight Worship with familiar  
 carols - Fellowship Hall

11:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service -  
 Sanctuary

