



# Emmanuel's Informer

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## Pastor's Word . . .

*from Pastor Paulette Obrecht*

In January and February we celebrate the season of Epiphany – a season which is considered “ordinary time” – but it is a time far from ordinary!

January 6 is the day of Epiphany – the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas (with 12 drummers drumming). The word “epiphany” itself serves to alert us – for it means “manifestation” or “revealings” – of the true nature of God – as revealed to us in the person of Jesus.



I remember as I entered seminary 15 years ago and I had to be interviewed by the Synod's Candidacy Committee – one of the questions they asked me was “Who is Jesus to you?” It's a question that still stands out in my mind. As I took a moment to consider what to say, many thoughts ran through my mind. I not only wondered what it was they wanted to hear – but I also needed to figure that out for myself. Who is Jesus to me? Who is Jesus to *you*?

That's what the season of Epiphany is about. There's nothing ordinary about that! The seasonal scripture readings each Sunday reveal something new about Jesus – and, in turn, God – for us to spend the week reflecting on. From his baptism and first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana – to his return to his hometown of Nazareth and the calling of his disciples near the sea of Galilee. From his teachings about forgiveness and social justice in the Sermon on the Plain to his Transfiguration on the mountaintop where Moses and Elijah appeared, as God's voice blessed him from the clouds.

All of these revealings are meant to demonstrate to us who God truly is – and how God wants us to live – even though it might not be the way the world expects us to live. When God enters the world as we know it – God often brings about transformation and social disruption, too. Yet, Jesus came to demonstrate – to model – that for us. That's what I answered to the Candidacy Committee that day: Jesus is the model for the way I should live my life. It's something that's hard to do – but it's something worth striving for. What do *you* think?

*“.... but now it has been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light ...”*

– 2 Timothy 1:10



**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 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.



## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15,  
7:00 PM Upstairs Parlor**

Now that we have been worshipping in-person and are reinstituting many of our former routines, Pastor Paulette will be holding a "new member class" for adults interested in becoming members of Emmanuel's Church.

Anyone interested in exploring what is involved in joining the membership of Emmanuel's is invited to come and learn more, have your questions answered, and decide on a date for being installed as a new member of our church community.

Call or email the church office to let the pastor know of your interest.



# *Souper Bowl of Caring*

*February 13, 2022*

Wear something to worship on Sunday, February 13, to support your favorite team – and support our local community.

Emmanuel's will once again be participating in this annual event to raise money to alleviate hunger in our community. This year we are taking the **TACKLE HUNGER CHALLENGE!** What if everyone watching the game this year gave just one dollar or one can of food to a local food charity? That means a lot of food and cash to help feed hungry families in need. All monies and food collected will benefit the Bath Area Food Bank.

There will be youth with soup pots (one for each team playing in the Super Bowl) as you leave worship on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 13). Toss your monetary donation into the pot labeled for the team you think will win. And don't forget to bring some canned goods. **Please be generous! ...and wear something to support your favorite team!**

We'll report the next week which "team" really won – by raising the greater amount of contributions for our local community.

**Together we can help TACKLE HUNGER in our community!**



## **Blessing of a Home during Epiphany**

In the gospel of Matthew, it's written that when the Wisemen noticed the star they followed stopped overhead, they were "filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother."

As a way to celebrate Christ's presence in our homes, it's appropriate to gather with family and friends to offer a blessing at the new year. Pastor Paulette is available to come to the home of congregational members during the season of Epiphany and offer the Service for the Blessing of a Home.

If you are interested in having your home blessed for 2022, please call the church office (610-837-1741) to arrange a day and time for this occasion.



## Bath Area Food Bank

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

### **Any Pasta Items and Bars of Soap**

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 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.



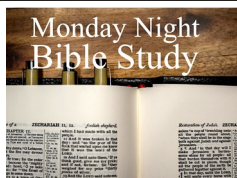
## **Piano Available**

The piano currently located in the upstairs parlor is available to anyone who wants it. You must make your own arrangements to have it moved. Please contact Lynne in the office for details or if you are interested.



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 February they will be studying the books

of 1John, 2John, 3John and Jude. **Everyone is Welcome to join! Contact Gloria Wallery at [gjwallery@gmail.com](mailto:gjwallery@gmail.com) if you would like to join .**



### 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. February dates are 2/1, and 2/15. Contact Susan Walker for more info. **All are welcome!**



### Yoga Classes

Denise from Creative Action Yoga will be holding a class in the Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings at 5:30pm. She is also offering a class on Thursday afternoons at 1:30pm. Cost is \$5 per class (pay as you go). Please bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothes.

All are welcome!





**B**ear Creek Camp and Conference Center in Bear Creek Township, PA – the outdoor ministry site of the Northeastern and Southeastern Pennsylvania Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – is conveniently located just off the PA Turnpike and Interstate 81 near Wilkes-Barre.

Situated on nearly 3,000 acres of forest, streams and fields, campers spend their days filled with activities designed to help them grow in their understanding of God, self, creation and community.

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Register online at:

**BEARCREEKCAMP.ORG**

Emmanuel's will once again be providing \$200 sponsorships for each camper from our congregation - be sure to use sponsorship code **ELMB22** to claim this benefit. Please contact the church office if you will be attending camp this summer.

If your child wishes to attend camp and you are having financial difficulties, please contact the church office for some ways we may be able to help.

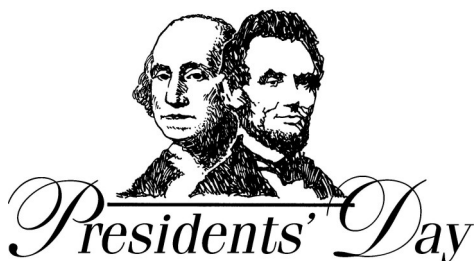
## Volunteer Clearances - It's time to Update!

At the end of 2014 new laws took effect that required all employees and volunteers working with children to receive background checks every five years. These laws also put into place the new reality that our church volunteers are now mandated reporters if they become aware of or suspected abuse or neglect toward a child. The law requires these two background clearances for ALL mandated reporters every 60 months (5 years) :

This year – 2022 – marks the time when most of Emmanuel's volunteers must update their clearances and turn them into the church office. A form describing the process for obtaining clearances can be found on the table in the back of Fellowship Hall. Volunteers who have obtained clearances for their employment may bring copies of those clearances for our files. If you have questions about this process or the laws requiring clearances, please contact Pastor Paulette or the church office. Some helpful links:

Child Abuse History Clearance Form (CY-113) – Obtained from the Department of Human Services - **[Pennsylvania Child Welfare Information Solution \(state.pa.us\)](#)**

Pennsylvania State Police Request for Criminal Record Check Form (SP4-164) - **[Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History - Home \(state.pa.us\)](#)**



### Prayer Partner Ministry Update

Beginning immediately, and due to inclement weather, illness and vacations, our Prayer Partners will be praying from home. This will continue through the month of February. If you have a special prayer request or would like one of our partners

to pray with you on the phone, please contact the church office or Deb Fisher (610-217-4195). **Everyone is welcome to pray with us.**

*Please contact Deb Fisher if you have any questions or would like to be a part of the Prayer Partner ministry.*

## EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, December 9, 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*	Bonnie Himmelwright – 2022 Council Member
Jane Fried	Win Miller	Al Wolf – 2022 Council Member
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 Win Miller.

Welcome to our new members of Bonnie Himmelwright and Al Wolf, welcome back to Karl Monroe. Thank you for serving Pete Coccetti and Kristin Butz.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Pete Coccetti and seconded by Win Miller to approve minutes with one correction of the date to Nov. 11. Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Submitted by Bob Bennett. Regular offering was \$22,000.00

**Treasurer Report:** Submitted by Bob Siegfried.

**Pastor's Report:** submitted by Pastor Paulette Obrecht.

- Pastor Obrecht continues to phone members and is up to last names starting with K.
- Confirmation retreat in November went well with another planned for January 17.
- Pastor is offering blessing of homes in early January.
- Workshops for Revitalization of Congregation will be held Jan 13 and 27 and Feb 3 and 17 from 1:30 to 3 and 7:30 to 9.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Evangelism:

- Continue to meet Mondays at 7pm blended with Bible study.

#### HR Committee:

- Moved by Karl Monroe to extend Pastor Paulette Obrecht's contract till Aug. 31, 2022, seconded by Pete Coccetti. Motion carried.

#### Outreach:

- Prayer partners has been going well.
- Andrea asked to have a literature rack for pamphlets for resources for anyone who needs.
- Andrea also asked for another yoga session during the day as well as the one on Monday nights at 7.
- Next meeting will be Jan 20 via ZOOM at 6:30.
- Christmas party will be Dec.27 with bible study at 6 pm.

#### Property:

- Report submitted by Paul Honett
- Clean up day will be on Jan. 15, 2022 at 9 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided.
- Pastor Paulette's nephew gave some recommendations regarding the water leakage.
- Furniture in the parlor needs to be out by Jan. 14.



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

### Women's Group:

- Looking to do craft night, game night, yard sale and Spring Fling.

### Worship Committee:

- Christmas Eve services remain at 5, 7 and 11 pm, with 11 pm to be held in the upstairs sanctuary.
- There will be a Blue Christmas service on Dec. 21 at 7 pm. in the sanctuary.
- Inclement weather plans discussed and hope to offer an online service if physical church is cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Christmas decorations to be taken down on Jan. 12, 2022. at 10 am.
- Next meeting will be Feb. 1, 2022 at 7 pm. via ZOOM.
- Update on Choir director position, no applicants, but continue to advertise in synod e-news, Home News, all press papers and church FB page. We have Beth and Michael Krentz supplying other avenues to advertise the position also.

### Youth Group:

- Dianna, Megan, Kim, Michael from Covenant and Andrea talking about the 30 hour famine for youth group

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be January 13, 2022 at the church at 7:00 pm.

Moved by Karl Monroe to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Win Miller. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Butz  
Council Secretary



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**MILLER-KESTONE**  
**BLOOD CENTER**

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.

# FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
30 8:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School		31 5:30 PM Yoga Class - FH 7:00 PM Evangelism Team / Bible Study		1 1:00 PM Needlecrafters 7:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg - Zoom		2 Secretary Vacation Day		3 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 1:30 PM Yoga Class		4		5	
6 8:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00 AM Celebration Worship - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM 1st Year Cat Class - Google Meet		7 5:30 PM Yoga Class - FH 7:00 PM Monday Night Bible Study - Old FH		8		9 6:00 PM Girl Scouts		10 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 1:30 PM Yoga Class 7:00 PM Church Council - old FH		11		12	
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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.



# Thank You Notes Received....



✉ Dear Members of Emmanuel's,

Sending a heartfelt thank you to our family at Emmanuel's Church. The poinsettia is beautiful, the cookies delicious. The carolers were very uplifting. And most of all, thank you for all the thoughts and prayers.

*Deb & Joe Siekonic*

✉ Dear Members of Emmanuel's,

I would like to extend a thank you to the carolers and the people responsible for my Christmas stocking and poinsettia. This was my first experience to be on the receiving side; I now realize all the efforts put into sharing! You, who gave of your time to shop for articles, stuff the stockings and purchase a very picturesque poinsettia - *merci*. Always remember to keep your faith and when in doubt, look up! Blessing to everyone.

Sincerely,  
*Dee Orris*

✉ Dear Pastor Paulette and Emmanuel's members,

I want to thank all the members for the many Christmas cards I received, the stocking filled with all the goodies, the beautiful poinsettia plant and also the cross which is hanging on my bed. Also to thank Barbara and Bob Bennett for giving me Holy Communion and Pastor Paulette and the singers who sang Christmas carols for Liza's House. Thank you so much. I really enjoyed it.

*June Myster*

✉ Dear Members of Emmanuel's,

Just wanted to thank the ladies that set up the hall for my sister Geraldine Gilbert's luncheon. And thank you to Pastor Paulette for the visits to the hospital and all the prayers.

God Bless,  
*Rosemarie, Mark, & Austin Lindenmuth*  
*Melissa Weed, Alli Heller*  
*Catherine Solderitch*

✉ Dear Members of Emmanuel's,

Thank you for all the birthday cards I received for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I enjoyed reading all of them - they made my day.

God Bless You,  
*Pearl Silfies*

# Financial Secretary Report for December 2021

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<b>Giving Accounts</b>		
100 - Regular Offering	29,069.89	262,481.22
<b>Total Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$29,069.89</b>	<b>\$262,481.22</b>
110 - Plate Offering	205.36	2,353.36
<b>Total Regular &amp; Plate Offering</b>	<b>\$29,275.25</b>	<b>\$264,834.58</b>
120 - Special Offering - Regular	0.00	10.00
121 - Christmas Offering	2,809.00	3,119.00
122 - Easter Offering	0.00	1,695.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	0.00	42.00
124 - Initial Offering	80.00	400.00
125 - Lent Offering	0.00	473.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	0.00	770.00
<b>Total Special</b>	<b>\$2,889.00</b>	<b>\$6,509.00</b>
130 - Miscellaneous Income	0.00	175.00
131 - Flowers	150.00	1,402.06
132 - Bulletins	31.00	153.72
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	192.00
134 - Poinsettias	170.00	350.00
136 - Church house	1,575.00	9,450.00
<b>Total Misc. Offerings</b>	<b>\$1,926.00</b>	<b>\$11,722.78</b>
<b>Total Reg. Misc. &amp; Spec</b>	<b>\$34,090.25</b>	<b>\$283,066.36</b>
200 - Building Offering	6,102.00	47,247.88
220 - Improvement Offering	133.00	2,188.00
<b>Total Build &amp; Imp Offerings</b>	<b>\$6,235.00</b>	<b>\$49,435.88</b>
138 - Use of Church Facilities	0.00	550.00
140 - Snow Removal	155.00	330.00
260 - Streaming Equipment	0.00	6,130.44
270 - Sanctuary Windows - Painting	0.00	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
387 - Memo - Melissa Mast	0.00	305.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	78.00	895.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	610.00	2,556.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	127.00	1,296.00
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	0.00	110.00
430 - Disaster Relief Offering	200.00	200.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	276.00
460 - ELCA Good Gifts	1,737.00	1,737.00
472 - Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering	0.00	310.30
475 - God's Work. Our Hands.	0.00	962.50
500 - Christian Education	0.00	35.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	0.00	280.18
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	1,000.00	7,500.00
610 - Cemetery - Sale of Lots	3,400.00	3,400.00
<b>Total Giving Accounts</b>	<b>\$47,632.25</b>	<b>\$364,593.66</b>

## Treasurer's Report for December 2021

Total General Fund Income    \$    287,475.  
 Total General Fund Expenses   \$    264,880.  
 Income over Expenses            \$       22,595.

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 and beyond. 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:

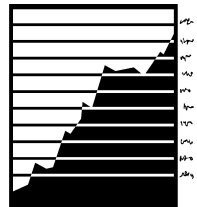
1. **Bring** your offering to church with you on Sunday mornings
2. **Sign up for electronic giving** through Vanco (formerly Simply Giving) - see Bob Bennett for information and/or forms.
3. **Mail** in your weekly/monthly contributions.
4. Use **Text+Give** (text the \$ amount to 610-463-0435)
5. **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App**. Download the App and follow the prompts.
6. **Donate directly from our website** ([www.emmanuel.org](http://www.emmanuel.org)). Click on the DONATE page and follow the prompts.

\*\*\*A note about 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. If you have any issues or problems with any of these giving choices please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping!

## 2021 Yr-End Financial Statements

**UPDATE:** Year-end financial statements for 2021 will be printed for ALL members who have contributed to Emmanuel's during 2021. You do not have to sign up to receive one. Your statement will be mailed to the address we have on file. Please contact the office if your address has changed during the past year. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Bennett.



*Annual Giving Statements*



**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.**



## 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 2022. 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.



## Annual Report Reminder

Just a reminder that all annual reports are due to the church secretary by **January 28, 2022**. If you are a church officer or head of a ministry/committee, please check your email for items you are responsible for. Submit reports to the office or email to: [emmanuelchurch@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelchurch@gmail.com)

## 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)

If Sunday worship services are canceled please join us on Facebook for our online services which will stream as usual. 8:45am Traditional, 10:00am Celebration.



Deadline for the February Informer articles is: **Monday, February 14, 2022.**

## Worship Attendance for December 2021

Sunday School	Week of	Traditional 8:45 am		Celebration 10:00 am		Total	
15	Dec. 5	In-Person	40	In-Person	42	In-Person	82
		Online	119	Online	115	Online	234
15	Dec. 12	In-Person	33	In-Person	41	In-Person	74
		Online	118	Online	110	Online	228
22	Dec. 19	In-Person	44	In-Person	56	In-Person	100
		Online	126	Online	119	Online	245
	Christmas Eve Dec. 24	5:00pm		7:00pm		11:00pm	
		(FH) 57	(FH) 80	(Sanctuary) 54		In-Person	196
		(online) 149	(online) 138	(online) 189		Online	476
	Dec. 26 (Lessons and Carols)	One Service at 9:30am					
		In-Person	49			In-Person	49
		Online	177			Online	177
Average Weekly <b>In-Person</b> Attendance: 76							
Average Weekly <b>Online</b> Attendance: 221							
(Averages do not include Christmas Eve)							



**Jayce Joseph Vitt**, son of **Melissa L.(Fried) and Joseph C. Vitt** was baptized on Sunday, December 26, 2021 at the 9:30am service. Jayce was born on February 21, 2020. His sponsors were Melanie B. and Eric D. Walker.



*With Sincere Sympathy*

**Geraldine Gilbert**, 83, passed to her eternal rest on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. A funeral service was held on January 4, 2022 at Emmanuel's.

Pastor Paulette Obrecht officiated at the service. Her final resting place is Zion Cemetery, Northampton.

**Chris Abel**, 60, passed to his eternal rest on Thursday, January 6, 2022. A graveside service was held on Thursday, January 13, 2022. Pastor Paulette Obrecht officiated at the service. His final resting place is Mountain View Cemetery.

## February Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

**Feb 6**

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - In honor of the birthday of Johnny Obrecht by John & Paulette Obrecht.

**Feb 13**

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - Open

**Feb 20**

**Traditional** - In honor of the birthday of Bob Bennett by Barbara Bennett.

**Celebration** - In memory of Chris Fairman by Skip & Billie Fairman.

**Feb 27**

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - Open

## February Bulletins

(\$6.00)

**Feb 6**

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - Open

**Feb 13**

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - Open

**Feb 20**

**Traditional** - In honor of the birthday of Bob Bennett by Barbara Bennett

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**Feb 27**

**Traditional** - Open

**Celebration** - Open



## Altar Flowers / Bulletins 2022

Emmanuel's has moved to online sign-ups for 2022 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!

# February 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>Feb 6</b> Celebration	<b>8:45</b> Linda Steiner Cindy O'Brien  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie H	<b>8:45</b> Jessie Hnатов  <b>10:00</b> Nancy Karc	<b>8:45</b> Dean Chenski Susan Chenski  <b>10:00</b> Nancy Karc Kristin Butz	<b>8:45</b> Jessie Hnатов  <b>10:00</b> Amy Hower	<b>8:45</b> Lynne Ambrose <b>10:00</b> -----
Traditional <b>Feb 13</b> Celebration	<b>8:45</b> Linda Steiner Cindy O'Brien  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie H	<b>8:45</b> Gary O'Brien  <b>10:00</b> Mercedes Kasper	<b>8:45</b> Gary O'Brien Cindy O'Brien  <b>10:00</b> Mercedes Kasper Bill Kasper	<b>8:45</b> Nancy Marsh  <b>10:00</b> Amy Hower	<b>8:45</b> Karl Monroe  <b>10:00</b> -----
Traditional <b>Feb 20</b> Celebration	<b>8:45</b> Linda Steiner Cindy O'Brien  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie H	<b>8:45</b> Jane Fried  <b>10:00</b> Nancy Karc	<b>8:45</b> Jane Fried Paul Honett  <b>10:00</b> Nancy Karc Dianne Schoenen	<b>8:45</b> Terry DeGroot  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie Himmelwright	<b>8:45</b> Michele Geiger  <b>10:00</b> -----
Traditional <b>Feb 27</b> Celebration	<b>8:45</b> Linda Steiner Cindy O'Brien  <b>10:00</b> Bonnie H	<b>8:45</b> Win Miller  <b>10:00</b> Jane Loupos	<b>8:45</b> Win Miller Lynne Ambrose  <b>10:00</b> Jane Loupos Wendy Whiteash	<b>8:45</b> Dave Ambrose  <b>10:00</b> Wendy Whiteash	<b>8:45</b> Jessie Hnатов  <b>10:00</b> -----



## 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.

# ELCA GOOD GIFTS



Thanks to the generosity of Emmanuel's members, during this past Christmas season we provided the following Good Gifts to our global neighbors in need:

- 13 Piglets (Oink OINK Oink!)
- 4 Batches of Chicks (10 each - that's a lot of Cheep, Cheep, Cheep!)
- 3 Roosters (Cock-a-doodle-do!)
- 1 Cow (Mooooooo!)
- 8 Batches of Honey Bees (Buzzzzz! Yay for pollination!)
- 5 Goats (Bleat!)
- 2 Pairs of Goats (Bleat! Bleat! Bleat! Bleat!)
- 1 Goat and a Flock of Chicks (Bleat! Cheep Cheep Cheep!)
- 1 Blanket (Can you say Warm?)
- 1 Latrine (Takin' care of business!)
- 1 Environmentally Friendly Cookstove (Can you say dinner?)
- 4 Personal Protective Equip (Gotta stay safe!)
- 4 Water Filters (Safe for drinking!)
- 1 Bible (Share the Good News!)
- 2 School Fees and uniform for a girl (Equal Opportunity!)
- 5 School Supplies for a child (For a brighter future!)
- 1 Vaccination for a Child (prevent disease)
- 1 Feed a Refugee Family for a Week (Help families stay healthy)

**Our grand total was \$2352!!**

As members of Emmanuel's and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together.

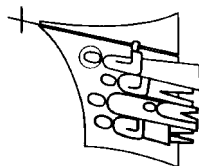
And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

**Thank You!**



Looking ahead.....

*Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2*



Emmanuel....

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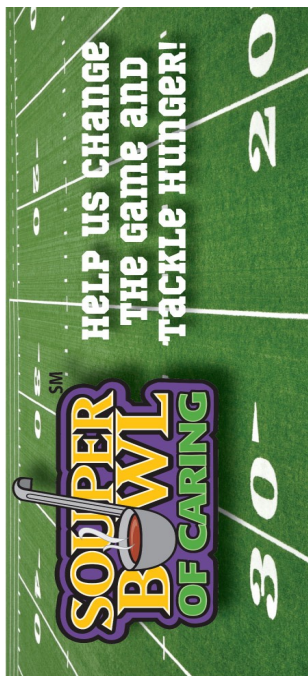
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**Sunday, February 13, 2022**  
**Take the**

**TACKLE HUNGER CHALLENGE!**

**See page 3 for details.**