



Emmanuel's Informer

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Pastor's Word . . . from Pastor Paulette Obrecht

Many times as I drive to Emmanuel's Church along a familiar road with steep hills and sharp curves, I am reminded of my first job as a school counselor, commuting from Bushkill Township to Stroudsburg High School along Rte 33. And, as I make the journey, the same thing that happened back then is the same as it is now. I leave my house thinking about all the unfinished business I'm leaving behind. Did I remember to turn off the coffee pot? Do I have my keys? And my cell phone? Then, as I reach the curves on Hokendauqua Drive – just before the hill to Emmanuel's Church ... I leave home behind and begin thinking about what lies ahead. What appointments and phone calls must I remember to prepare for? What's on my list of things to do. It reminds me, too, of the time I used to commute to Seminary classes in Philadelphia – and of the word I often used to describe it all: *liminality*.

Liminality is the state of being in-between – neither this nor that, neither here nor there, neither me nor not me. That's just what it was. There was something that was pulling me away from the expected to the unexpected. Why would anyone want to leave a job that one could perform comfortably and successfully to enter a state of the uncomfortable and the unknown? But, that's what I did as I made the decision to enter seminary. That's what I did when I answered the call to serve as interim pastor at Emmanuel's. In fact, that's what we *all* do when we begin something new ... leaving behind the old and comfortable and finding our way through the growth pains of the new. Mostly, we do it by choice ... but sometimes it is forced upon us by circumstances. When I work as a chaplain at the hospital, I realize that I witness many people who are in a state of *liminality* – families and patients who travel between the brokenness of illness or injury into lives that may never be the same again. Sometimes, it will be betwixt life and death itself.

As I commute back and forth to Emmanuel's in my shiny gold-green car – my Transportation Pod as my husband calls it – the vehicle that has become the extension of my life from the comforts of home to the unknown of doing God's work, and back again, I know it will be all right. In that voyage of betwixt and between, I have profound conversations with God who helps me set aside my concerns about family and household and self – so that by the time I pass Country Grapevine half-way up the hill, my mind shifts to focus on what I will be doing to serve God this day – whatever venture that might entail.

You know, Scripture has told us over and over that when people are in a state of being neither here nor there, that is when God is closest. And so, I can trust – we can all trust – that amidst our uncertainties God is there ... in the space between ... and all will be well.

And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. — Matthew 28:20b

"Come Back to Church Sunday."

On Sunday, September 18, we will celebrate the beginning of the Fall season – and a time to renew our habit of regular church attendance – with "Come Back to Church Sunday." Make sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join us on that Sunday.

Instruction videos will be shown the Sundays in September during announcement time to help you remember what church is all about – and how to invite (or how not to invite) someone to church – for ... Come Back to Church Sunday!



8:45am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00am Celebration Worship in Fellowship Hall

Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.

Each service will also be live-streamed and will be available on Emmanuel's Facebook page - see [emmanuelsof.org](https://www.emmanuelsof.org) or the weekly eNews for the link.

Dial-In Call 610-477-0100 to listen to our services.. (Please call during worship times to access the most recent service)

Bulletins/announcements for all services can be found on our website: [Emmanuelsof.org](https://www.Emmanuelsof.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.

Sunday School for the 2022-2023 school year will begin on Sunday, September 18.

We hope you will join us!

Any questions? Please contact Heather Bennett-Knerr at 610-392-9750.





Kick Off for Sunday School!

Join us on

Sunday, September 18, 2022

We will meet in the
old fellowship hall at **9:45 AM.**

Weekly Sunday School Information:

Who? Children Ages 3 & 4 and Grades K-8

Date: Beginning September 18, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Old Fellowship Hall

Can't wait to see you!

Heather Bennett-Knerr, Andrea Roberts, Michelle
Schroettner, Kim Mousley, & Terry DeGroot

Sunday School Registration Form

Please bring this with you on our first day!

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Health Concerns _____



Bath Area Food Bank

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

Canned Tuna or Chicken

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.

Grocery gift cards (preferably Ahart's) are needed for emergencies. Please bring all gift cards in an envelope marked "Food Bank" to the church office.

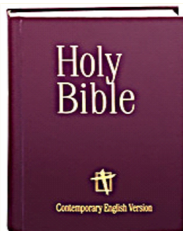
The Bath Area Food Bank is always in need of monetary donations which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give.

Third Grade Bible Class

Following a long-standing tradition, the people of Emmanuel's Church are ready to present 3rd graders with a Bible of their own.

We would like to invite all 3rd graders and their parents to a very important and special evening of learning. **Wednesday, September 28** beginning at 7:00pm in the old Fellowship Hall, we are offering "An Introduction to the Bible for Third Graders". This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the most important book you will ever own and read. Pastor Paulette Obrecht will be teaching the class.

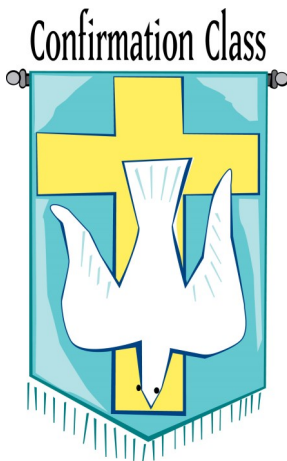
All 3rd graders should have received a letter. Please let the office know if you have not received yours. Bibles will be handed out at the beginning of the 10:00am Celebration Service in the Fellowship Hall on **October 2**.



Choir Practice

Choir Practice will resume on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. We will meet in the Choir Room from 6:30 - 7:30pm.

New voices are welcome!



ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

A planning meeting for all first and second year confirmation students – and their parents – will be held on **Sunday, September 25, at 11:30am** (after the Celebration worship service) – in the upstairs Sanctuary. At that time, requirements for Emmanuel's Confirmation program will be reviewed and dates for activities will be planned for the year so remember to bring your home and school calendars. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023. A reminder letter with additional details will be sent out shortly by the church office. Please call Pastor Paulette or the church office if you have questions.

Attention College Students!

As the new school year begins and you travel off to college, make sure to share your new address with the church office so Emmanuel's Church can continue to stay in touch with you.

We'd like to share cards of encouragement, our newsletter, and maybe even a care package toward final exam time. So, please let us know where we can reach you. Parents, you can help us with this request, too.



The Youth Group will continue to meet monthly on the last Sunday of the month. The next meeting, September 25, at 6:30 pm, will be held in the Old Fellowship Hall, as we gather for games, fellowship, food, and planning of activities/service projects for the coming months. We also need to begin planning for possible attendance at the next ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024. Young people in grades 7 through 12 are invited to attend. Bring your friends!



Memories of Emmanuel's Church

Each month as we move closer to our 300th anniversary celebration, look for an article from a member or friend of the congregation who recalls moments from the church's past. Here is the 1st installment, written by Louise Miltenberger, the oldest living member of our congregation, with help from her sons Jim and Jack.

I Remember When ...

- I took care of the nursery in the basement next to the old coal furnace and coal bin – it was black and dirty!
- The only way back up to the church was the narrow winding steps back up to the narthex, unless you wanted to go outside by way of the “New” Lady’s and Men’s Room. (by the way, this was a wonderful improvement compared to the outside outhouses, but we did have a Mens and a Ladies).
- We got the church brick-coated by a firm. It was fun watching them scrape off the new red coating they applied to the 1st coat white coating revealing the white mortar. They told us we had to have a silicone coating every seven years to protect it.
- We bought the schoolhouse across the street to further accommodate the upper class Sunday School (meaning the older ones).
- The schoolhouse was next to the carriage shed where the people could tie up their horses while in the service. This I was told, but I only remember arriving at church by automobile!
- The church picnics were outside on the west side of the church under the trees and we had a beautiful pavilion with sides that raised up like awnings. Birch beer and barbecue was the favorite. Oh yes, I forgot the ice cream!
- Lester Miller would always have his garden tractor with the beautiful canopy-roof trailer with a bench seat facing forward and one facing backward for the people to enjoy a leisurely ride down the road.
- Oh yes, I can’t forget the “cake walks”. If that green arrow stopped and pointed towards you – you won! But I seem to remember that somehow nobody walked away empty handed. Funny how that worked out – huh?
- Well, going back inside the church I remember during Bible School sometimes the older boys would get to ring the bell, but they would hang on the rope and up they went right off the floor and back down again – and my boys were part of it!
- We had a Reformed and a Lutheran congregation with alternating services and ministers.
- Vacation Bible School “VBS”: the kids always looked forward to Bible lessons with games and refreshments (Kool-Aid and pretzels – what a treat at church!)
- Of course, back in that day I think we were related to almost everyone!
- It was always a pleasure to watch the children and older children at Christmas time in the evening reciting their memorized verses from the Bible, trying to get through it, pronouncing the words the best they could.. Afterwards all would get a box of chocolate for Christmas. My boys would always have empty boxes before we got home!

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- The ladies would wear mostly little hats to church and a little “net” on the hat. Some would wear large hats, not many. I remember one in particular – I pity the person in back of her! (hard to see the Pastor!)
- The heating grill in the center aisle would once in a while catch a ladies high heel leaving them to go forward for communion less one shoe!
- Everybody knew everybody; a close church family respecting one another

Some of these stories I am writing from my remembrance (Jim) and my mother’s remembrance (Louise). It was a time when it seemed like the world was slower and things were easier. When we look to God and trust in him, he makes a way when there seems to be no way. God is good!

Welcome Fall!

First Communion Invitation

Our first communion classes will be offered on
Wednesday evenings, October 5 and 12 at 7 pm.
We will meet in the old fellowship hall.

Students will receive their first communion on **Reformation Sunday, October 30** and are welcome to worship with their families at whatever service the family chooses. We will recognize all of the students by sharing their names at all of our services.



The class is open to students from second grade on up whose parents have decided that they are ready to receive the sacrament. The class will be taught by Pastor Paulette.

In the past, we have followed a suggestion made by the Lutheran Church in America more than 30 years ago to have students wait until they are in the fifth grade or about 10 years old. The ELCA is now leaving this decision up to individual congregations and their pastors. We have decided at this time to let parents work with the pastor to decide when is the best time for their children to begin receiving communion. If your child is younger than 2nd grade and you wish for them to receive communion, please contact the church office.

Communion is a gift given to us by Christ. We hope that gift will be cherished and understood as a gift from God. .



Good News!

Council is pleased to announce that Pastor Paulette has renewed her contract with Emmanuel's and has agreed to continue as our Transitional Pastor for another year. We are grateful for her leadership while we continue our search for a new pastor.



Join Us For Family Fun Night!

On Saturday, October 8, from 7-10pm, you're all invited to an old-fashioned **GAME NIGHT**. Bring your favorite board or card game – and a snack to share (optional) as we gather in the Old Fellowship Hall for an evening of fellowship and fun. Sue Walker and Sally Leabold have volunteered to be our game leaders. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.



Congratulations

Emmanuel's is pleased to congratulate Larry Kemmerer. He has been selected by the Konkrete Kids Educational Foundation to receive a Distinguished Alumni

Award and will be inducted to their Wall of Honor on Sunday, September 25. The Foundation honors Northampton Area High School graduates who have demonstrated leadership and excellence in their professional and personal lives, and who represent NASD's proud education tradition and commitment to serving others. Congratulations Larry!

Thank You Notes Received....



✉ Dear Emmanuels Church,

Thank you all for your graduation congratulations. I appreciate your gift.

Emily Hower

✉ To Friends at Emmanuel's,

You really DID turn the tables on me! Thank you very much for all the birthday cards (lots of them!), many of which included your uplifting words of encouragement regarding my current health situation.

Again, Thank You!

Linda Hoch

✉ Dear Emmanuel's members,

Thank you all for your prayers, concerns and help during our recent health struggles. We would especially like to thank the Mousley family for all their help with our yardwork. It was truly appreciated.

Thank you,

Ray & Bette Walker

✉ Dear Pastor Paulette and VBS attendees,

Thank you for your generous donations to Lily's Hope Foundation! Now more than ever, this donation is appreciated given the added stress our families are facing between COVID-19, inflation, formula shortages and more. With your help, we can continue this invaluable mission.

Donations like yours allow our families to focus on the health of their fragile newborns. Lily's Hope Foundation recently achieved a milestone of 4000 families supported. We have also recently donated a medical grade refrigerator/freezer combination to Grand View Hospital. This will be used for donor milk for NICU babies and for moms to store their milk while their fragile newborn is in the NICU. We could not do this without supporters like you.

On behalf of the Lily's Hope Foundation, and all the future babies and families that will benefit from this, we thank you!



Many heartfelt thanks,
Jennifer M. Driscoll
Founder/Executive Director
Lily's Hope Foundation



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. They are currently discussing

Fruits of the Spirit and are looking forward to studying Jesus' seven "I AM" statements in the book of John. **Everyone is Welcome! Contact Gloria Wallery at gjwallery@gmail.com if you would like to join .**



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. September dates are 9/13 and 9/27. Contact Susan Walker for more info. **All are welcome!**

CREATIVE ACTIONS YOGA



Yoga Classes

Denise from Creative Action Yoga will be holding a class in the 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!

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.



Deadline for the October Informer articles is: **Thursday, September 15, 2022.**



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28	8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH 11:00am Bell Choir 6:00pm Youth Group	29	1:30pm Prayer Partner 5:30pm Yoga Class 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	30	1:00pm Needlecrafters 1:30pm Prayer Partner 6:30pm Worship Committee - Zoom	31	6:00pm Prayer Partner	1	10:30am Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 4:00pm Prayer Partner	2	6:00pm Prayer Partner	3	10:00am Prayer Partner
4	8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH 11:00am Bell Choir	5	Labor Day - offices closed 1:30pm Prayer Partner	6	1:30pm Prayer Partner	7	6:00pm Prayer Partner 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8	10:30am Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 4:00pm Prayer Partner	9	6:00pm Prayer Partner	10	10:00am Prayer Partner
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18	Come Back to Church Sunday God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Bell Choir	19	1:30pm Prayer Partner 5:30pm Yoga Class 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	20	1:30pm Prayer Partner	21	6:00pm Prayer Partner 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	22	10:30am Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 4:00pm Prayer Partner 7:00pm Property Committee 7:00pm Website Taskforce	23	6:00pm Prayer Partner	24	10:00am Prayer Partner
25	8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Bell Choir 11:30am Catechetical Class Information Meeting - Sanctuary	26	1:30pm Prayer Partner 5:30pm Yoga Class 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	27	1:00pm Needlecrafters 1:30pm Prayer Partner	28	6:00pm GHI Scouts 6:00pm Prayer Partner 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm 3rd Grade Bible Class	29	10:30am Ladies Bible Study - Zoom 4:00pm Prayer Partner	30	6:00pm Prayer Partner	1	10:00am Prayer Partner

God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 18. 2022



One of our projects for 2022 will be to assemble **LWR Personal Care Kits**. These kits are specifically designed to help people across the world to cope with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. They are a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and to express love to our neighbors in need.

We will be collecting the items below during July and August and will assemble the kits on Gods Work. Our Hands Sunday (Sept 18). Our goal is 100 kits. **Can we do it?? Of course we can!!!** Please don't deviate from the specifics of the items requested and place everything in the bins that can be found in the Gathering Area or the Fellowship Hall.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



×1

One light-weight bath-size towel
(between 20"×40" & 52"×27").
dark color recommended



×2

Two bath-size bars
(4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any
brand, in original wrapping



×1

One adult-size toothbrush in
its original packaging*



×1

One sturdy comb,
remove packaging



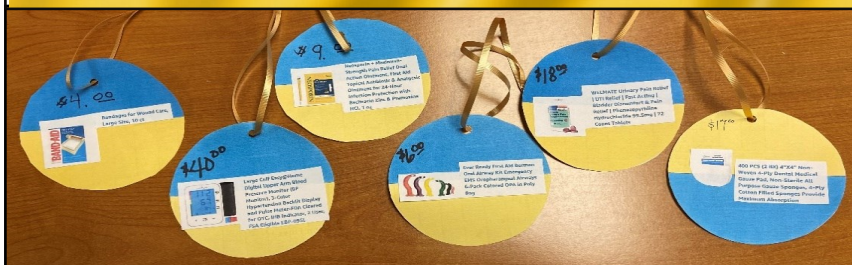
×1

One metal nail clippers
(attached file optional),
remove packaging



Wrap all the items in the
towel and tie securely
with ribbons or yarn.

Help for Ukraine



Our second GWOH project for 2022 involves collecting funds to provide humanitarian aid / medical supplies for Ukrainian refugees. We will be working in conjunction with St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Allentown and Assumption of the Virgin Mary UOC in Northampton. (The UOC is the equivalent of our ELCA)

Check out the "Christmas in the Summer" trees in our worship areas (upstairs and downstairs). The "ornaments" will have a monetary value along with a representation of what this amount will purchase. It will work just like our Good Gifts trees at Christmas.

Pick an ornament – provide a monetary donation/check for that item – and place it in the offering containers. **Checks should be made to Emmanuel's Lutheran Church – earmarked for "Ukrainian Refugee Project."**

All funds will be shared with St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Allentown (which is working with Assumption of the Virgin Mary UOC in Northampton, John Hnatow's church) – to be used for ordering medical supplies for Ukrainian refugee camps in Europe. Or – you can make your donation online by going to their website: www.pokrova-allentown.org. Look at the right-hand column for "Support the Ukraine."

Join us for

"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of service in our community.



We'll assemble the Personal Care Kits after worship on Sept. 18 – in the Old Fellowship Hall. Worshipers from the 8:45 Traditional Service are invited to begin assembling the 1st 50 kits – while the Celebration Service is being conducted next door. The children from Sunday School will probably join in. Then, after the 10:00 Celebration Service, those worshippers will take over and work on the task of assembling the last 50 (or more) kits. The completed kits will be blessed at both worship services on September 25 and will then be packed up to transport to Lutheran World Relief warehouses in New Windsor, MD. Anyone is welcome to help – for as long as your schedule allows. Refreshments will be provided as we work.

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Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart We need your help!

We are looking for volunteers to make and deliver meals to Emmanuel's members in times of need. The more help we have, the less frequently our volunteers will need to provide meals.

Please contact Michele Geiger (610-442-7680 or mlgeiger520@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Please contact the church office or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.

NOTE: if you have previously volunteered for this ministry please contact Michele if you are still willing to help.

Emmanuel's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Thursday, 09 June 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees		
Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary	Paul Honett	Karl Monroe, V. President
Justin Fallenstein, President	Mercedes Kasper	Pr. Paulette Obrecht
Jane Fried	Rachel Lebron	Andrea Roberts
Alyssa Geiger, Secretary	Kathy Milander	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer
Bonnie Himmelwright	Win Miller	Al Wolf
<i>*Not in attendance</i>		

Topic	Responsible Party
Meeting Opened	Karl Monroe
Devotions & Opening Prayer	Jane Fried
Review of May 2022 Minutes Motion to accept as is made by Win Miller, seconded by Bonnie Himmelwright, motion passes.	Karl Monroe
Financial Secretary Report Report reviewed. Regular offering for May '22 was \$26,380.75.	Bob Bennett
Treasurer's Report Bob reported that General Fund offering is down compared to last year yet sufficient to cover our expenses to date. Giving is now down 0.8% and General Fund expenses down 13% compared to last year. Building Fund contributions continue to more than cover our monthly mortgage payment as we make good progress paying down our mortgage which currently stands at \$221,147.	Bob Siegfried
Pastor's Report Report reviewed. Group meeting to update church website. Another new member class planned for July due to increased interest. Graduation Sunday 12-Jun. In lieu of a meeting in August, Pr. Obrecht is inviting the council and church staff to a picnic at her home.	Pr. Paulette Obrecht
HR Committee Pastor Paulette Obrecht's contract is up for renewal in August 2022. Request from Pr. Obrecht to increase vacation from 4 to 5 weeks. Suggestion from Bob Siegfried to increase salary by 3%, consistent with other staff in previous year. Motion to renew Pr. Obrecht's contract with suggested changes made by Al Wolf, seconded by Jane Fried, motion passes. Employee reviews planned for next 1-2 months and made available to council in September.	Bob Siegfried Justin Fallenstein
Worship and Music Report reviewed. Church picnic 17-Jul. Organ was repaired and serviced. Handbell maintenance quotes to be obtained.	Pr. Paulette Obrecht
Property Quotes to be obtained for replacing the roof over the parlor entrance.	Karl Monroe
Outreach/Women's Group Meeting on 25-Aug to plan for the coming year. Gods Work Our Hands: goal is to create 100 health kits on 18-Sep. Prayer Partners met 08-Jun to brainstorm ways to bring out more people and work in the prayer garden.	Pr. Paulette Obrecht Andrea Roberts
Evangelism Group Meetings on hold for summer.	Paul Honett
New Business Moore Township Historical Commission requested permission to put a sign in front of the schoolhouse, similar to the sign up on the church. Motion made by Karl Monroe, seconded by Mercedes Kasper, motion passes. Church picnic planned for 17-Jul. Alyssa will lead the planning. Committee for the 300th anniversary meeting 12-Jun.	Pr. Paulette Obrecht Karl Monroe
Close Meeting Motion made by Win Miller, seconded by Al Wolf, motion passes.	Karl Monroe
Closing Prayer	All

Financial Secretary Report for June 2022

Giving Accounts

100 - Regular Offering	24,400.13	128,701.37
Total Regular Offering	\$24,400.13	\$128,701.37
110 - Plate Offering	285.00	1,548.00
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$24,685.13	\$130,249.37
121 - Christmas Offering	0.00	130.00
122 - Easter Offering	0.00	3,037.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	0.00	92.00
124 - Initial Offering	0.00	285.00
125 - Lent Offering	0.00	1,266.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	0.00	500.00
Total Special	\$0.00	\$5,310.00
131 - Flowers	100.00	875.00
132 - Bulletins	0.00	66.00
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	488.00
136 - Church house	925.00	5,550.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$1,025.00	\$6,979.00
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$25,710.13	\$142,538.37
200 - Building Offering	4,110.25	22,579.15
220 - Improvement Offering	45.00	1,171.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$4,155.25	\$23,750.15
138 - Use of Church Facilities	0.00	50.00
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	160.00
270 - Sanctuary Windows - Painting	0.00	228.00
388 - Memo - Chris Abel	0.00	800.00
389 - Memo - Anthony Hnatow	500.00	500.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	110.00	541.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	50.00	290.00
413 - Bob Moyer - Missionary	0.00	787.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	115.00	853.00
430 - Disaster Relief Offering	500.00	1,150.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	700.00
500 - Christian Education	0.00	30.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	0.00	59.00
530 - Bible School	100.00	100.00
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	0.00	1,500.00
610 - Cemetery - Sale of Lots	0.00	4,000.00
710 - Hershey Park	0.00	1,078.65
Total Giving Accounts	\$31,240.38	\$179,115.17



Treasurer's Report as of June 2022

Total General Fund Income
\$ 144,911

Total General Fund Expenses
\$ 128,485

Income over Expenses.
\$ 16,426

Options for Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving. Our members continue to support our church and other ministries, both monetarily and with other donations. There are many options for 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). Click on the DONATE page and follow the prompts.

If you have any issues or problems with any of these giving choices please contact the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!

Vanco (Simply Giving)



It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services.

Many of you already support the congregation with your time, talents and financial contributions ... but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program (Vanco). It's convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. Please contact Bob Bennett or call the church office (610-837-1741) for details.



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.

Worship Attendance for June 2022

Sunday School	Date	Traditional 8:45 am	Celebration 10:00 am	Total
	Pentecost June 5	In-Person 37 Online 21	(Confirmation) In-Person 106 Online 26	In-Person 143 Online 47
	June 12	In-Person 43 Online 21	In-Person 52 Online 36	In-Person 95 Online 57
	June 19	In-Person 27 Online 15	In-Person 35 Online 22	In-Person 62 Online 37
	June 26	In-Person 40 Online 24	In-Person 38 Online 16	In-Person 78 Online 40
Average Weekly In-Person Attendance: 95 Average Weekly Online Attendance: 45				



Worship Attendance for July 2022

Sunday School	Date	Traditional 8:45 am	Celebration 10:00 am	Total
	July 3	(9:30am Outdoor Worship) In-Person 73 Online 44		In-Person 73 Online 44
	July 10	In-Person 40 Online 14	In-Person 46 Online 21	In-Person 86 Online 35
	July 17	In-Person 42 Online 21	In-Person 51 Online 16	In-Person 93 Online 37
	July 24	In-Person 28 Online 22	In-Person 38 Online 18	In-Person 66 Online 40
	July 31	In-Person 30 Online 19	In-Person 50 Online 21	In-Person 80 Online 40
Average Weekly In-Person Attendance: 80 Average Weekly Online Attendance: 40				



Women's Bible Study Continues Mondays at 7:00 pm

This interactive Bible study and discussion group has been enjoying focusing on the Bible from a "feminist" point of view. Our current study topic is "The Daughters of Miriam: Women Prophets of the Bible" – and then we will ease into "Widows, Warriors, and Other Women of the Old Testament."

Contact Pastor Paulette or the church office if you're interested in attending – or just show up in the Church Parlor. As our group gets bigger – we will probably move to the Old Fellowship Hall.



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**.



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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.

Goodbye Summer!



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SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



STRONGER Together

So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.... God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

(Genesis 8:18-19; 9:12-13)

Following the flood – a disaster horrific in scope and cause – God brought forth a time and a place, where healing and renewal could begin. Camp Noah is a ministry, carrying on in God's covenantal promises of care and life, especially for families and especially for children whose loved ones may no longer be there to protect and nurture them. The "ark" that gets built, comes in the form of congregations and volunteers, along with professionals in counseling and in faith, who create a safe and supportive environment – where, for a day or a week, children can gather to run and play, draw and paint, sing and listen, pray and build new connections of love and care, new trust that God loves them and that the future can be better, brighter and bolder than the past. Christ is the rainbow and the rock, that provides new colors to paint and safe waters to drink and to splash in, without fear of drowning in grief and despair. As the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, we are honored and grateful to take part in this life-giving ministry, offering our resources, our time and our spaces, to make a bright new day for these kids, these families, and "for all future generations."

+ Bishop Christopher deForest

Have you ever felt overwhelmed and unable to cope with a situation? There have been times during covid that many have felt that way—worry about those who were sick—concerned for families who had lost someone. It was hard enough for adults—but what about children? Camp Noah is a Lutheran camping organization run out of Minnesota that provides weeklong camp experiences for children who have experienced traumatizing natural disasters like tornados, floods, hurricanes—and covid. This past summer, just such a camp was held in Oley, PA. Camp Noah provided a week of fun and engaging experiences through books, crafts, music, art, and games that allowed kids to express their feelings and concerns regarding covid. One young camper said, “this camp has been a blessing.” And it was! Everyone involved—including adult volunteers—felt the healing presence of God among them! Thank you to the many congregations whose Mission Support dollars to the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod provided grant money to help fund Camp Noah. It really was a blessing to all!

+ Pastor Julie Osterhout,
Trinity Lutheran-Wernersville



Girl Scout Troop #8189, which meets here at Emmanuel's, will be starting their 2022-2023 year with an organizational/informational meeting for all interested girls and their parents on

Friday, September 16 from 6-8pm. This year the troop will have groups for Daisies (K-1st grade), Brownies (2nd-3rd grade) and Juniors (4th-5th grade). Their regular meeting will be every other Wednesday from 6-7:30pm beginning on September 28. They are welcoming new members so if you are interested please come to the meeting on Sept 16. Questions or need more information? Contact troop leader Melissa Holtenbach at 610-739-0412 or troop8189@gmail.com.

September Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

September 4

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

September 11

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

September 18

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

September 25

Traditional - In honor of the 45th anniversary of Sally & Joe Leabold.

Celebration - Open

September Bulletins

(\$6.00)

September 4

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

September 11

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

September 18

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open

September 25

Traditional - Open

Celebration - Open



Sponsoring Altar Flowers / Bulletins

Emmanuel's has moved to online sign-ups for sponsoring 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). 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.



Deborah VanBrunt, 64, passed to her eternal rest on Friday, June 24, 2022. A memorial service was held on July 6, 2022 at Emmanuel's. Pastor Paulette Obrecht officiated at the service.

Donald C. Wolf, 75, passed to his eternal rest on Monday, June 27, 2022. A funeral service was held at Schisler Funeral Home on Friday, July 8, 2022. Pastor Paulette Obrecht officiated at the service.

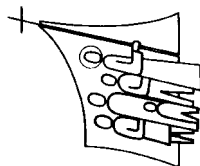
September Worship Volunteers

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.

	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
Altar Care	8:45 Joan Delong Jane Fried 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Joan Delong Jane Fried 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Joan Delong Jane Fried 10:00 Bonnie H	8:45 Joan Delong Jane Fried 10:00 Bonnie H
Greeter	8:45 Jane Fried 10:00 Nancy Karc	8:45 Lynne Ambrose 10:00 Dianna Schoenen	8:45 Gary O'Brien 10:00 Rachel Butz	8:45 Barbara Bennett 10:00 Brock Wandler
Reader	8:45 Nancy Marsh 10:00 Open	8:45 Win Miller 10:00 Clarissa Louw	8:45 Dave Ambrose 10:00 Kristin Butz	8:45 Lois Voorhees 10:00 Bonnie Himmelmwright
Ushers	8:45 Terry DeGroot Jane Fried 10:00 Amy Hower Nancy Karc	8:45 Paul Honett Lynne Ambrose 10:00 Dianna Schoenen Open	8:45 Gary O'Brien Cindy O'Brien 10:00 Rachel Butz Al Wolf	8:45 Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett 10:00 Brock Wandler Gage Wandler
Comm. Asst	8:45 Nancy Marsh 10:00 Dan Ebersole Carey Ebersole	8:45 Win Miller 10:00 Bill Kasper Mercedes Kasper	8:45 Sue Getz 10:00 Kim Kratzer Dianna Schoenen	8:45 Jane Fried 10:00 Jennifer Wandler Open
Media	8:45 Karl Monroe	8:45 Lynne Ambrose	8:45 Sue Monroe	8:45 Michele Geiger

NOTE: If you can help with any OPEN dates please contact the church office.





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**BACK TO
 CHURCH
 SUNDAY**
Bring a Friend

**September 18, 2022
 God's Work. Our Hands.
 Sunday School Starts**