



Emmanuel's Informer

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*From the
Pastor*



 **SEPTEMBER**

Dear ones, it's that time of year again, and I just put my youngest child on her bus to start kindergarten! As we get back into the swing of our full fall calendar, it is wonderful to see Sunday School is kicking off, Confirmation is starting up, and First Communion instruction is on the calendar! I'm so excited to see our young people diving back into learning, asking big questions, giving me detailed feedback on which cookies are the best, and growing in faith. One of my favorite traditions each fall is placing Bibles into the hands of our Third Graders. And once again, if we missed one of these milestones for your younger ones with all the pandemic craziness, I would gladly help them hit that milestone this fall. Grace abounds. And there's always room for one or two more.

While we're talking about being back together, here's a little reminder: I don't have the spiritual gift of mind-reading. Much to my consternation, I did not receive that skill at Ordination. 😊 If you'd like a visit, please tell me. That goes double for hospital stays – please don't assume I'll hear “through the grapevine.” I want to be there for you, but I'll need a nudge from you or your family. A room number is also incredibly helpful. Not all units allow visitors, and hospitals no longer call your pastor when you're admitted, so I need your (or your loved one's) help to be there for you in real life.

And if you've ever tried to catch me on a Sunday morning, you know I can be a bit like a caffeinated butterfly – invariably flitting around from one conversation to the next and from one worship space to the next. If you really want to sit down and chat without 60 people staring at us, our wonderful secretary Janelle has access to my calendar. She can help you find a time that works (and she's much better at keeping me on track than I am. She's the one who reminded me this newsletter article was due to her three hours ago.)

Prayers go with you as we venture into the cozy, chaotic fall season. May God go with you to work, school, and all that the days ahead will bring.

Pastor Rachel



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.

There is also an Adult class that meets at 10am in the Upstairs Parlor under the leadership of Kurt Geiger.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Sunday School resumes
on September 14.**

We hope you will join us!



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

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

**Holy Communion is cele-
brated at all services.**

Live streamed services are available on Emmanuel's Facebook page - see emmanuel.org or the weekly eNews for the link.

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: emmanuel.org



Choir Practice will resume on
Wednesday, September 3.

We will meet in the Choir
Room from 6:30 - 7:30pm.

**New voices
are welcome!**



For this year's service project, we will be collecting items to assemble flood buckets. Our goal is to complete 50 buckets, so we need everyone's help!

These items include:

- 32–64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- 16–40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household
- 16–34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap.
- 4–8 oz. pump spray air freshener (or 3 solid/3 gel fresheners)
- 6–14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (or pack of 10–20 wipes)
- scrub brush (with or without handle)
- scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them)
- clothespins
- kitchen gloves
- 50–100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24-ct roll (or equiv.) of heavy-duty trash bags (33–45 gallon sizes)
- N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1–3 mm thickness)
- work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)

If you would like to help by providing items, please sign up via sign up genius (scan the QR code). This is the easiest way to keep track of everything. If you need help signing up, please call Janelle in the office and she will be happy to help. Bins will be located in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall. The buckets will be assembled on Sunday, September 7, at 9:30am in the old fellowship hall.





Prayer Partners Come join us!

Have you felt the need for more support, more hope and/or more prayer in your life? Please consider joining our Prayer Partners group. We will be meeting the **2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11:15am**, either at the Pavilion or in the Sunday School Area, depending on the weather. We each take turns leading by sharing a Bible selection. We then share our concerns and joys in our life. We conclude with prayer.

On the Second Sunday each month, Gloria Wallery will be leading the Bible lessons. After the study, we will see if we can apply the lessons to our lives and then pray for our church and others. That day, she will be asking "How can I pray for you today?" Others will be available to take your prayer requests too. We will pray for you that day, even if you don't attend the Bible lesson.

So you may ask what are Prayer Partners?

Prayer Partners are defined as individuals who come together and agree to pray for each other, offering mutual support and encouragement in their faith journeys. This practice can deepen faith, provide accountability, and foster a stronger connection with God through shared prayer and intercession (act of praying or mediating on behalf of another person or group asking for healing, guidance, and forgiveness).

We have set up the following guidelines: be respectful and discrete and keep confidentiality in mind.

Our purpose is to pray for our community and world. We value differences in belief systems and we believe diversity is our biggest strength. Our primary concern is to make people feel cared about and supported, provide a support network, and allow the spirit to work through us all.

I hope you consider joining us one Sunday or regularly.



ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

A planning meeting for all first and second year confirmation students – and their parents – will be held on **Sunday, September 14, at 11:15am** (after the Celebration worship service) – in the Old Fellowship Hall. 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 24, 2026. A reminder letter with additional details has been sent out by the church office. Please call Pastor Rachel or the church office if you have questions.

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 time of learning.

On **Sunday, September 21 at 11am**, 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 Rachel will be teaching the class.

Bibles will be handed out on **September 28** at the beginning of the 10:00am Celebration Service in the Fellowship Hall.



A GriefShare Group will be meeting on Thursday Nights, starting on **September 18**, at 7pm in the Parlor. There are fliers in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall which give you more information on what a GriefShare is. Please contact Drinda Zimmerman if you would like more information or if you are planning on attending.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Spirit-Led Summers at Bear Creek Camp

Written by: Stacey Burke, Communications and BCC NEPA Synod Representative

"I'm always struck by the simple but profound technologies that camp employs to build healthy, loving, Christ-centered community: silly songs and deep conversations, skits and games, shared meals and rituals." These words from Pastor Inge Williams of Friedens Lutheran in Shartlesville, a 2025 summer chaplain at Bear Creek Camp, reflect the deep joy and quiet transformation that unfold in the woods each season.

All Together was the theme this summer, focusing on growing stronger through love and service, grace-filled faith, and belonging and community. Pastor Inge witnessed this connection firsthand early in the summer when she served as one of the camp chaplains during Family Camp. Pastor Inge shared, "On one of the first nights, I saw one of the former youth Synod Council representatives, now serving as a counselor this summer, give a high five to a toddler from Ireland who was running all over the field during a kickball game. The kindness and connection across ages, and even international borders, really exemplified what Family Camp is about."



While chapel time and worship services are typically led by the young adult summer staff, camp chaplains provide spiritual support throughout the week, leading devotions and Bible studies for campers and staff. They offer encouragement, listening ears, and join in the fun that camp has to offer. Throughout the summer, three Northeastern PA Synod pastors brought their time, energy, and Spirit-led presence to Bear Creek Camp as chaplains. Pastor Inge Williams and Pastor Jennifer Heavner of Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church served during Family Camp, while Pastor Liz Koerner of St. John Lutheran in Stroudsburg closed out the season as chaplain during the final week.

The partnership with Bear Creek Camp, shared with the Southeastern PA Synod, is especially meaningful to our synod, as the values of camp and synod closely align. Both are deeply committed to building relationships and belonging across congregations, generations, and diverse communities. As synod, we continue to search for ways to raise leaders who serve with compassion, creativity, and courage in the church and the world, which is why our partnership with Bear Creek Camp is so important. It is prioritizing youth and allowing them space to search for ways to serve others as a natural response to God's love.

Serving others was the theme of one of Pastor Liz's Bible studies during her week as chaplain. When she met with the Junior campers (grades 2-4), she asked how they might take the ways they serve others at camp and apply them at home and in their school communities. Helping others at camp can seem second nature, especially after a full week of being together. However, campers are not only learning how to be kind to one another. They are learning life skills that will stay with them long after the week ends.

Throughout the week, they are learning how to be confident and independent through overnight tent camping experiences. They are learning about teamwork and communication as they encourage each other on high rope activities. They grow spiritually through the guidance of our chaplains, who are a daily presence within the camp schedule and help shape campers' understanding of faith and their connection to God.

We are extremely grateful for the passion and dedication of Pastor Inge, Pastor Jennifer, and Pastor Liz, who devoted their time this past summer,



and for the ongoing work of Bear Creek Camp as it builds inclusive community, nurtures faith, and develops leaders who carry their experiences into the world with empathy, joy, and purpose. This certainly could not be accomplished without the hardworking, compassionate summer staff and the leadership of Executive Director Collin Grooms, Program Director Kallie Handlong, and all the other camp leaders who contribute and put youth first.

Camp doesn't end when the summer does. In addition to summer camp, Bear Creek Camp offers retreats and camps outside of the summer timeframe including the upcoming Labor Day Family Camp, Fall Women's Retreat, and Winter Camp. The camp is also open to hosting congregations, committees, or organizational retreats through their facility rentals. All this information and more can be found at bearcreekcamp.org. All together, Bear Creek Camp and our synod continue to walk hand in hand, creating space for love, service, and faith to flourish in every season.

DID YOU KNOW that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit godslve.org/missionsupport. Looking to give to Bear Creek Camp directly? Visit bearcreekcamp.org

REGISTRATION IS OPEN



5K TRAIL RUN & WALK @ BEAR CREEK CAMP

9/27/25

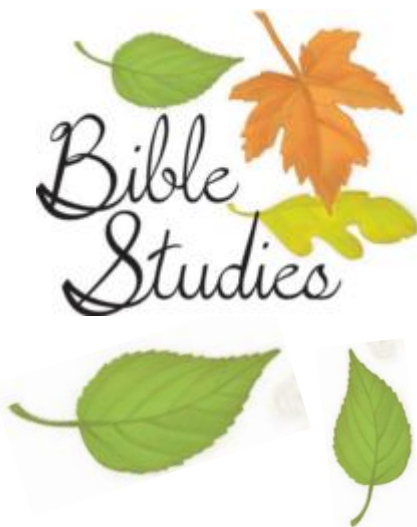
BECOME A SPONSOR!

bearcreekcamp.org/5k

This family-friendly BCC event is open to all ages, and every step you take helps support our amazing campers.

**Make an Even BIGGER Difference
by Becoming a 5K Sponsor!**

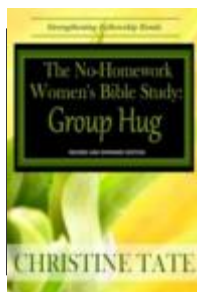
Whether you're a business, family, or individual, your tax-exempt gift directly supports our camp programming and resources.



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

Everyone is Welcome!

Contact Gloria Wallery at gjwallery@gmail.com if you would like to join.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be starting back up on **Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm** in the old fellowship hall. We'll be starting with "The No-Homework Woman's Bible Study: Group Hug" by Christine Tate, which is available to be purchased. Please reach out to Drinda Zimmerman with any questions.

All adults - all levels of biblical knowledge - are welcome to join us on **Monday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning on September 8**, in the parlor. We'll be using Timothy Keller's Romans 8-16 study guide.



Bell Choir rehearsals resume on Sunday, September 7 at 11:15am, and will continue weekly.

Everyone who is interested in joining the bell choir is welcome. No experience is needed!

THE POWER OF PRAYER BOX



Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
—Colossians 4:2, NIV



Chair Yoga

Yoga classes are continuing throughout the summer 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!



Redner's WAREHOUSE MARKETS SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Please remember to turn in your Redner's receipts! Emmanuel's receives 1% of your total bill when you use your Redner's Reward Card and bring us your receipt. That really adds up! All receipts are totaled and submitted to Redner's. A check will come to the church and be used towards our Youth Programs.

If you have any questions, please contact: Amy Hower.



Bath Area Food Bank

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

Canned tuna or chicken

Donations for the food bank can be dropped off in the bins in the Fellowship Hall or the upstairs Gathering Area.

The Bath Area Food Bank is always in need of monetary donations and gift cards (preferably Ahart's) which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give.



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...



1 Corinthians 15:58



Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart

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 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.



When donating blood at Miller Keystone Blood Bank, please ask them to credit **Emmanuel's Bath**. The code is **0656**. This way we will receive credit for your donation.





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.

VANCO

FAITH



Treasurer's Report as of July 2025

Total General Fund Income \$182,080
Total General Fund Expenses \$169,464
Income Over Expenses \$12,616



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH	1 Labor Day - office closed 5:30pm Yoga	2 6:00pm Boy Scouts	3 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 10:30am Ladies Bible Study-Zoom 6:30pm Worship Committee - Zoom	5	6
7 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 9:30am Flood Bucket Assembly 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH 11:00am Private Baptism-Sanctuary 11:15am Bell Choir Rehearsal	8 5:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Bible Study-Parlor	9 6:00pm Boy Scouts	10 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 10:30am Ladies Bible Study-Zoom 7:00pm Church Council - old FH	12	13 FH in use
14 8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Confirmation Program Meeting 11:15am Bell Choir Rehearsal 11:15am Prayer Partners-Pavilion	15 5:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Bible Study-Parlor	16 6:00pm Boy Scouts	17 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 10:30am Ladies Bible Study-Zoom 7:00pm GriefShare Group Meeting	19	20
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2025 Council Members

Bennett, Bob (Financial Sec.)

DeGroot, Terry (Vice President)

Fallenstein, Justin (President)

Geiger, Alyssa (Secretary)

Henninger, Dan

Himmelwright, Bonnie

Hower, Jim

Kasper, Mercedes

Lebron, Rachel

Merker, Jason

Milander, Kathy

Roberts, Andrea

Siegfried, Bob (Treasurer)

Wolf, Al



To help communication work more effectively, the church would greatly appreciate it if you would notify us of any address, phone number, or email changes. Thank you!



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 at 610-837-1741 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.

Emmanuel's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Thursday, 12 Jun 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees		
Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary	Bonnie Himmelwright*	Kathy Milander*
Terry DeGroot, Vice	Jim Hower	Andrea Roberts*
Justin Fallenstein, President	Mercedes Kasper*	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer*
Alyssa Geiger, Secretary	Rachel Lebron	Al Wolf
Dan Henninger	Jason Merker	Pr. Rachel Ziese
<i>*Not in attendance</i>		

Topic	Responsible Party
Meeting Opened	Justin Fallenstein
Devotions & Opening Prayer	Jim Hower
Review of May 2025 Minutes Motion to accept minutes by Terry DeGroot, seconded by Jason Merker, motion passes.	Justin Fallenstein
Financial Secretary Report Regular/plate offering for May '25 was \$19,119.76. Total overall giving for May was \$25,587.71.	Bob Bennett
Treasurer's Report May expenses exceed income by \$679, but year to date income still exceeds expenses by \$10,300. There were no unusual expenses in May. Building fund contributions year to date are less than last year but still good. Our cur- rent mortgage balance is now \$69,474. Our Improvement Fund balance is \$8,775.	Bob Siegfried

<p>Pastor's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two memorial services and one wedding in May. - Upcoming events: VBS 23-27Jun Deb Fisher's memorial service 28Jun Wedding rehearsal 03Jul and ceremony 05Jul - Vacation: Pastor Rachel 31Jul-13Aug which includes 2 Sundays 	<p>Pr. Rachel Hacker</p>
<p>Worship and Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The unused sound panels (17) are now gone, two remain in case it is decided additional panels needed. Suggest adding utility shelves to store kitchen supplies now that there is additional space. - Bobby has reached out to Allen Organ regarding the organ programmer which needs to be replaced with the new one. We have not heard from them. - Dates of interest: 06Jul- outdoor service 9:30 am 17Aug- outdoor service 9:30 am with Blessing of Backpacks 03Sep- Adult choir practice resumes 07Sep- God's Work our Hands (Outreach to determine service project) 14Sep- Start of Fall session including Sunday School 28Sep- Kid's choir practice resumes <p>Miscellaneous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organ service contract - discussed with Bobby; the council wants to see the contract before approving. - Picnic this year - PR to announce to ask if anyone wants to volunteer to plan - Website - PR will follow up with Bobby - Directory discussion tabled 	<p>Pr. Rachel Hacker</p>

Financial Secretary Report for June 2025

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
Giving Accounts		
100 - Regular Offering	23,159.72	134,240.90
Total Regular Offering	\$23,159.72	\$134,240.90
110 - Plate Offering	701.00	2,543.55
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$23,860.72	\$136,784.45
121 - Christmas Offering	0.00	51.00
122 - Easter Offering	0.00	2,566.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	0.00	426.00
124 - Initial Offering	0.00	420.00
125 - Lent Offering	1.00	1,653.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	1.00	809.00
Total Special	\$2.00	\$5,925.00
130 - Miscellaneous Income	0.00	325.54
131 - Flowers	185.00	460.00
132 - Bulletins	26.00	50.00
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	462.55
135 - Refunds	0.00	14.39
136 - Church house	1,100.00	6,600.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$1,311.00	\$7,912.48
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$25,173.72	\$150,621.93
200 - Building Offering	4,089.76	22,004.06
220 - Improvement Offering	280.00	1,401.00
230 - Special Offering - Build/Imp	0.00	1,800.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$4,369.76	\$25,205.06
138 - Use of Church Facilities	0.00	50.00
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	2,893.00
141 - School House Donation & Electric	0.00	5.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	210.00	926.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	50.00	565.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	69.00	748.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	65.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	0.00	85.00
530 - Bible School	100.00	150.25
540 - Youth Conference	0.00	626.87
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	1,000.00	3,000.00
635 - Memo - Robert Miller	0.00	797.75
636 - Memo - Joann Wambold	0.00	500.00
637 - Memo - Elise Barna	0.00	70.00
638 - Memo - Donald Lerch	0.00	30.00
639 - Memo - Grant Wambold	0.00	540.00
640 - Memo - Doris Engle	50.00	125.00
641 - Memo - Cynthia Slaton	50.00	80.00
642 - Memo - Deborah Fisher	1,100.00	1,100.00
643 - Memo - Albert H. Miller	100.00	100.00
644 - Memo - William G Kasper, Jr	50.00	50.00
710 - Hershey Park	0.00	2,742.20
Total Giving Accounts	\$32,322.48	\$191,076.06

Financial Secretary Report for July 2025

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
100 - Regular Offering	20,496.73	154,737.63
Total Regular Offering	\$20,496.73	\$154,737.63
110 - Plate Offering	606.00	3,149.55
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$21,102.73	\$157,887.18
121 - Christmas Offering	0.00	51.00
122 - Easter Offering	0.00	2,566.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	0.00	426.00
124 - Initial Offering	0.00	420.00
125 - Lent Offering	0.00	1,653.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	0.00	809.00
Total Special	\$0.00	\$5,925.00
130 - Miscellaneous Income	0.00	325.54
131 - Flowers	0.00	460.00
132 - Bulletins	20.00	70.00
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	462.55
135 - Refunds	0.00	14.39
136 - Church house	1,100.00	7,700.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$1,120.00	\$9,032.48
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$22,222.73	\$172,844.66
200 - Building Offering	2,983.38	24,987.44
220 - Improvement Offering	210.00	1,611.00
230 - Special Offering - Build/Imp	0.00	1,800.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$3,193.38	\$28,398.44
138 - Use of Church Facilities	0.00	50.00
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	2,893.00
141 - School House Donation & Electric	0.00	5.00
146 - Music Ministry	100.00	100.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	40.00	966.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	70.00	635.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	45.00	793.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	65.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	0.00	85.00
530 - Bible School	0.00	150.25
540 - Youth Conference	0.00	626.87
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	0.00	3,000.00
635 - Memo - Robert Miller	0.00	797.75
636 - Memo - Joann Wambold	0.00	500.00
637 - Memo - Elise Barna	0.00	70.00
638 - Memo - Donald Lerch	0.00	30.00
639 - Memo - Grant Wambold	0.00	540.00
640 - Memo - Doris Engle	0.00	125.00
641 - Memo - Cynthia Slaton	0.00	80.00
642 - Memo - Deborah Fisher	503.25	1,603.25
643 - Memo - Albert H. Miller	0.00	100.00
644 - Memo - William G Kasper, Jr	225.25	275.25
710 - Hershey Park	0.00	2,742.20
Total Giving Accounts	\$26,399.61	\$217,475.67



Pastor Rachel,

Thank you for the visits while Al was ill. The service you performed was beautiful and offered comfort.

Member's of Emmanuel's,

Thank you for the many sympathy cards I received with your kind words of support.

Sincerely,
Karen Miller

Pastor Rachel, Staff, & Congregation,

Enclosed is a contribution in memory of my Aunt Deb Fisher, whose Celebration of Life was on June 28.

It was evident that you had carried out her wishes for celebration TO THE LETTER! I must say, I've never been to a memorial quite like that one—but Deb wouldn't want it any other way – would she?

Please accept this in memory of Deb Fisher.

Thank you,
Gregg & Valerie Fisher

To the Congregation of Emmanuel's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for hosting the Bath Area Community Chorus's Patriotic Program on June 8, 2025. Please put this token toward your fine music program.

Sincerely,
Sharon Schantz



Sunday, October 5 at
4:00pm



Worship Attendance for June 2025

Date	Traditional 8:45 am		Celebration 10:00 am		Total
June 1	In-Person	64	In-Person	80	In-Person 144
	Online	29	Online	24	Online 53
June 8	In-Person	66	In-Person	125	In-Person 191
	Online	16	Online	23	Online 39
June 15	In-Person	40	In-Person	60	In-Person 100
	Online	24	Online	21	Online 45
June 22	In-Person	46	In-Person	60	In-Person 106
	Online	15	Online	22	Online 37
June 29	In-Person	52	In-Person	65	In-Person 117
	Online	15	Online	15	Online 30
Average Weekly In-Person Attendance:					131
Average Weekly Online Attendance:					41

Worship Attendance for July 2025

Date	Traditional 8:45 am		Celebration 10:00 am		Total	
July 6	Outdoor Worship				In-Person	101
	In-Person	101	Online	40	Online	40
July 13	In-Person	41	In-Person	68	In-Person	109
	Online	21	Online	23	Online	44
July 20	In-Person	62	In-Person	53	In-Person	115
	Online	20	Online	18	Online	38
July 27	In-Person	55	In-Person	60	In-Person	115
	Online	17	Online	10	Online	27
Average Weekly In-Person Attendance:					110	
Average Weekly Online Attendance:					37	

September Flowers

(\$35.00 per vase)

September 7

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

September 14

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

September 21

Traditional - In memory of
Keith Bird by the Bird Family.
Celebration - Open

September 28

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

September Bulletins

(\$6.00)

September 7

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

September 14

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

September 21

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

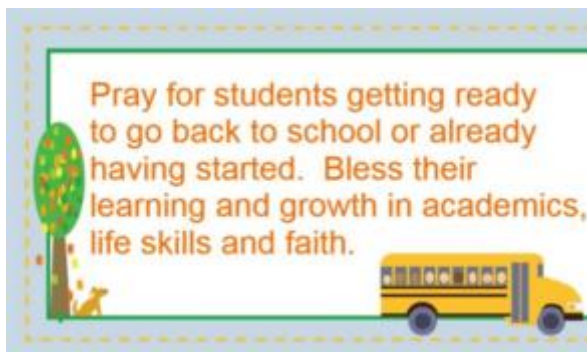
September 28

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open



Sponsoring Altar Flowers / Bulletins

Emmanuel's utilizes Sign Up Genius for sponsoring flowers and bulletins. 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 Janelle 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. Altar flowers are \$35 per vase and bulletins are \$6.



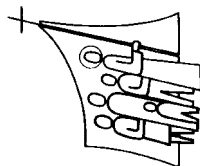
September Worship Volunteers

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.

	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28
Altar Care	8:45 Karl & Sue Monroe 10:00 Mercedes Kasper	8:45 Karl & Sue Monroe 10:00 Rachel Lebron	8:45 Karl & Sue Monroe 10:00 Melissa Dempsey	8:45 Karl & Sue Monroe 10:00 Jennifer Wandler
Reader	8:45 Lois Voorhees 10:00 Kelly Cascario	8:45 Nancy Marsh 10:00 Amy Hower	8:45 Win Miller 10:00 Bonnie Himmelwright	8:45 Doreen Davidson 10:00 Kristin Butz
Ushers	8:45 Denise Druckenmiller & Barbara Bennett	8:45 Sue & David Getz	8:45 Cindy & Gary O'Brien	8:45 Dan & LeRea Henninger
Greeter	10:00 Heather Bennett-Knerr	10:00 Gloria Wallery	10:00 Nancy Karc	10:00 Jan Bourdelle
Comm. Asst	8:45 Bob Bennett 10:00 Dawn Cavanaugh, Kelly Cascario, & Mercedes Kasper	8:45 Nancy Marsh 10:00 Gloria Wallery, Rachel Lebron, & Dianna Schoenen	8:45 Terry DeGroot 10:00 Melissa, Scott, & Caden Dempsey	8:45 Denise Druckenmiller 10:00 Jennifer Wandler, Sue Gerken, & Kristin Butz
Media	8:45 Win Miller	8:45 Lynne Ambrose	8:45 Jessie Hnatow	8:45 Karl & Sue Monroe



On **July 5, 2025**, wedding vows were exchanged between **Brandy Lee Heiney** and **Connor Jay Minnucci**. Pastor Rachel Ziese Hacker officiated at the ceremony.



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