

EMMANUEL'S
GOOD + NEWS
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Dear friends in Christ,

Grace, peace and mercy be yours in abundance! May 28th was ‘The Ascension of our Lord.’ Jesus spoke these words recorded in Luke 24: “Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, ‘This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations beginning in Jerusalem. You are my witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’” When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple praising God.” Jesus knew that what he was asking them to do in carrying on the ministry he began was not possible for them to accomplish unless they were filled with the Spirit of the living God. The great commission began in Jerusalem and would go to the ends of the earth. In another week we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost when God poured out his Spirit upon the followers of Jesus and the church was born. When the day of Pentecost came and the power came down, the disciples were transformed and energized to share the Gospel. They saw God work through them and the church began to grow new believers in Jesus and expand its influence of the Kingdom of God. The odds were against the handful of followers and yet they prayed earnestly that God would fulfill his purpose and plan. By the work of God’s Spirit, the Gospel message calling people to repentance from sin and to put their faith and trust in Jesus, has traveled through time and distance to reach a small city called Coshocton. A handful of people still gather in his name at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. They gather to worship and serve the Lord and bear witness to his love to the community around them. Just like the early followers of Jesus, we face great challenges and cannot accomplish God’s purpose for us on our own. We too need to be clothed with power from on high. May the Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us as we worship and draw near to God in celebrating on the Day of Pentecost. May God direct us and guide us into the future to be an authentic witness to the living Christ who lives in our midst in the body of Christ.

Last month I compared how all the crosses taken from the front lawn in our display to the cross of Christ inviting others to follow Jesus and pick up their crosses. We received a very nice thankyou note from someone who listens to our radio ministry weekly and took one of the crosses to put in their front lawn. They were touched and blessed through our ministry and gave a generous donation. Our outreach ministry of May flower baskets reached out to fifty homes surrounding the church. Included was a blessing and prayer for those families. We had many people thank us and be genuinely touched by our act of kindness and love. We also received a very nice thank you note from someone who said that it was such a nice and blessed way to start out the month of May. Our relay for life team did an amazing job raising money to fight cancer and spur awareness. Team Emmanuel was the third highest church raising donations for the cause. On June 24th, we will be hosting a prayer walk beginning at Emmanuel at 10:00 am walking down to the courthouse. Another group of Christians will gather at Solid Rock Foursquare Church above Roscoe and join us downtown and together we will plant 150 crosses into the courthouse lawn during a brief service of praise and prayer for our community. The first week of July we will host once again the Amazing Grace Day camp and share the love of God with young people. God is working through us and we are making a difference for the Kingdom. As we continue to celebrate the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation, God continues to reshape and mold us to be a vehicle through which he can make himself known. His Spirit will guide us and empower us to be his witnesses.

At our annual meeting we approved a budget that compensates me for three quarter time beginning July 1. God has orchestrated an opportunity for me to be a part- time pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in New Concord. I plan on working Monday through Wednesday at Emmanuel and Thursdays at Westminster. The Sunday worship schedule will be a 9:00 am service in New Concord and services at 11:00 in Coshocton. This arrangement will enable both congregations to have pastoral care and lighten the financial burden of Emmanuel. I believe this is all part of God’s plan to reshape and enable the church of Christ to continue to share the Gospel. May the Spirit of the living God be upon us as we work through this new way of being the Church. May this be a season of new life and growth as we trust and follow Jesus. Let us pray for a fresh pouring out of power from on high to accomplish God’s purpose and plan.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Bryan

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Council Minutes for April 4, 2017
“Approved”

Ed Bickel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attending: Lynn Valentine, Pastor Bryan, Joyce Sees, Tom Bowman, Ernie Galajda, Don Hawthorne, Ed Bickel and Lori Ratcliffe

Absent: Bob Brems and Jim Williams

Pastor Bryan opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.

Secretary's Report: Ernie Galajda moved to accept the March minutes, Lynn Valentine seconded and all approved the motion.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bryan stated that the Ash Wednesday service had a good attendance. The Lenten studies on Luther's Small Catechism have been well attended and fruitful. The Passion will be read on Palm Sunday. During Holy Week, there will be services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. An Easter breakfast will be held before the Easter Service.

Handmade white crosses will be placed on the front lawn; free for anyone to pick up and follow Jesus.

Pastor Bryan is currently working out the details for his shared pastorate.

Financial Secretary: Tom Bowman reported that \$9,361.58 was received toward budget for the month of March showing \$1,547.18 short of budgeted income and the year-to-date shows \$4,857.85 short of budgeted income. Tom mentioned that the giving for benevolence is on-schedule for the year; the American Red Cross gave a \$1,200 donation for using the Fellowship Hall; and \$362.00 was received for the Lenten offering that will go to support the Amazing Grace Day Camp program.

The Profit & Loss report showing net income for budgeted and non-budgeted expenses was not available at the time of this meeting.

Committee/Ministry Team Reports:

Evangelism/Outreach: The Evangelism/Outreach committee is currently meeting bi-weekly discussing ways to shift the culture to be missional. An outreach is being planned for May Day (May 1st). Flowers will be potted with a message on a card and given to neighbors of our church. Pastor Bryan, Dana Kittner and Ed Bickel are planning special activities for Easter for the children at Chestnut Crossing.

Stewardship: Tom Bowman encouraged everyone to read an article on Stewardship in the April newsletter.

Property: Don Hawthorne announced that the mowing season will begin this coming weekend.

The Fellowship Guidance Committee met to establish guidelines for renting the sanctuary.

A study committee will work on the church sign replacement after Easter.

Old Business

Don Hawthorne made a motion to accept the new revised constitution amendments per Synod with local changes; Ernie Galajda seconded and all approved.

Based on input from the congregation and council, Tom moved that we go to an 11 a.m. church service upon completion of a shared pastorate agreement; Lynn Valentine seconded and all unanimously approved the motion.

Reformation Year Plans: Pastor Bryan will present to the Coshocton Ministerial Association to hold a community-wide Reformation service.

Lois Iler is currently working on the church history update.

New Business

Council decided to have Les Widder tune the piano soon since it has been two years.

MEB Systems will soon be replacing wood and shingles on the church roof.

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 14th, and it will require a quorum of 40 voting members to conduct business. A list of current voting members is available in the church office and posted on the church bulletin board.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th.

Ernie Galajda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Don Hawthorne seconded and all approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Ratcliffe.

June 2017 Newsletter – President's Notes

MAY 14, 2017 AND JUNE 25, 2017 CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Thank you to all members who attended the May 14, 2017 Special Congregational meeting to vote on a new constitution for Emmanuel and pass a budget for 2017. These two items were approved by the congregation by almost unanimous vote.

As I indicated at the meeting, we will have the semi-annual meeting of the congregation after the church service of June 25, 2017. At that meeting, we will elect three members to the Church Council for 2017/2018. In addition, per the existing constitution, the new constitution approved at the May 14th Congregational Meeting must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at the June 25th semi-annual Congregational Meeting. A quorum of 40 voting members is needed to have a legal meeting to vote on these items. Therefore, I urge you to mark your calendars for that June 25th date and attend that church service and Congregational Meeting that day so we can move forward with our work here at Emmanuel.

After the new constitution is ratified by the congregation, it must be sent to the Southern Ohio Synod of the ELCA for their approval. That should occur within 120 days. If Synod has no objections to our new constitution, it will go into effect 120 days after Emmanuel sends it to them or around October 1, 2017.

CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

Repairs to a rotten portion of the roof over the hall between the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex is going forward. In addition, some nagging roof leaks elsewhere will be fixed. It is estimated that these repairs will cost about \$4000. This is an extra budget item, and I urge those, who are able, to please consider an extra contribution to Emmanuel to help off-set the cost of these repairs.

CHURCH CLEAN-OUT

During the summer, an effort to clean-out things in the church that we no longer have use for will be done. Such things as old hymnals, outdated Sunday School supplies, VHS tapes, extra church music, old choir robes, long unused items in rooms and the basement, and things that have out-lived their usefulness will be discarded. We will try to find good homes for things that may be of use to others. Anyone who wants to participate in this clean-up should contact me. If there are things that you do not want discarded, please contact me or a member of council, and we will reach agreement on what should be done with them. If you have any concerns about this clean-out, please contact me.

**Scriptures for Sundays
Daily Bible Readings
for June 2017**



Daily Devotions

May 28, 2017 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
Monday Psalm 99
Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24
1 Peter 4:1-6
Tuesday Psalm 99
Numbers 16:41-50
1 Peter 4:7-11
Wednesday Psalm 99
1 Kings 8:54-65
John 3:31-36
Thursday Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:1-9a
Acts 2:1-11
Friday Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:16-25
Romans 8:14-17
Saturday Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 20:1-21
Matthew 5:1-12

June 04, 2017 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or*
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39
Monday Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Joel 2:18-29
Romans 8:18-24
Tuesday Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
Romans 8:26-27
Wednesday Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Numbers 11:24-30
John 7:37-39
Thursday Psalm 8
Job 38:1-11
2 Timothy 1:8-12a
Friday Psalm 8
Job 38:12-21
2 Timothy 1:12b-14
Saturday Psalm 8
Job 38:22-38

John 14:15-17

June 11, 2017 The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
Monday Psalm 29
Job 38:39—39:12
1 Corinthians 12:1-3
Tuesday Psalm 29
Job 39:13-25
1 Corinthians 12:4-13
Wednesday Psalm 29
Job 39:26—40:5
John 14:25-26
Thursday Psalm 131
Proverbs 12:22-28
Philippians 2:19-24
Friday Psalm 131
Isaiah 26:1-6
Philippians 2:25-30
Saturday Psalm 131
Isaiah 31:1-9
Luke 11:14-23

June 18, 2017 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a
Genesis 18:1-15 [21:1-7]
Psalm 100
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]
Monday Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Psalm 126
Joshua 1:1-11
Genesis 23:1-19
1 Thessalonians 3:1-5
Tuesday Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Psalm 126
1 Samuel 3:1-9
Genesis 25:7-11
2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5
Wednesday Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Psalm 126
Proverbs 4:10-27
Nehemiah 9:1-8
Luke 6:12-19
Thursday Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Psalm 86:1-10
Jeremiah 18:12-17
Exodus 12:43-49



Friday Hebrews 2:5-9
 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
 Psalm 86:1-10
 Jeremiah 18:18-23
 Genesis 35:1-4
 Acts 5:17-26

Saturday Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
 Psalm 86:1-10
 Jeremiah 20:1-6
 Ezekiel 29:3-7
 Luke 11:53—12:3

**Please Remember To Include These
 People In Your Prayers Shut-ins and
 Those Residing in Care Centers**

Mary Bridges Daisy Royer
 William 'Bill' Neff

June 25, 2017 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13
 Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

Monday Psalm 6
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Micah 7:1-7
 Genesis 16:1-15
 Revelation 2:1-7

Tuesday Psalm 6
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Jeremiah 26:1-12
 Genesis 25:12-18
 Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday Psalm 6
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Jeremiah 38:1-13
 Jeremiah 42:18-22
 Matthew 10:5-23

Thursday Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Psalm 13
 Jeremiah 25:1-7
 Micah 7:18-20
 Galatians 5:2-6

Friday Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Psalm 13
 Jeremiah 25:8-14
 2 Chronicles 20:5-12
 Galatians 5:7-12

Saturday Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Psalm 13
 Jeremiah 28:1-4
 Genesis 26:23-25
 Luke 17:1-4



**Please Pray for healing and strength for
 these Members and Friends of Emmanuel**

Betsy Roman Velma Klingler
 JoAnn Boyd Becky Molnar
 Carma Overholt Charles Jones
 Jim Williams Ron & Linda Storm



Mission Statement:

Glorify God and spread
 God's Word to all
 by the power of the Holy Spirit



Prayer Chain

For Immediate or Emergency Prayers
 and/or Intercessions please contact the
 Church Office
 622-2550

The Prayer Chain will react
 immediately, and
 each member will call the next link of
 the Prayer Chain in turn.



Around the Church

Announcing Worship Time Change

At our annual meeting a couple of weeks ago we passed a budget to decrease pastoral compensation to three quarter time effective July 1, 2017. Since then, Pastor has secured a part-time position at Westminster Presbyterian Church in New Concord. This of course necessitates a change of worship times for both congregations in order to give adequate time for travel. Emmanuel Lutheran was given preference in the choice between 9:00 or 11:00 service times. After reviewing feedback from the congregational survey and discussion the council chose the 11:00 worship for Emmanuel. This will be effective as of Sunday, July 2, 2017. The pastor will serve primarily Monday through Wednesday at Emmanuel and be at Westminster on Thursdays. We are thankful that the Lord has provided a means to reduce our financial commitments and still have pastoral care. The people of Westminster are looking forward to having a pastor to work with them part-time and have more consistency of pastoral leadership for worship and the life of the congregation. Please be prayerful and understanding as we move into this new season of our ministry together at Emmanuel.

Amazing Grace Day Camp

We will be hosting the Amazing Grace Day Camp once again this summer from July 3-7 from 9:00 to 3:00. We will be needing volunteers to help with snacks and lunches, crafts, counselor assistance and field trip aides. We also will be looking for donations of paper products, crafts supplies and food stuff to offset the expenses to the congregation. Look to the bulletin announcements and sign-up sheets in the weeks to come. Dana Kittner will be serving as the Day Camp Coordinator. The theme this year is "The Water of Life." Let us pray that God will bless us in this effort to share God's love and make Jesus known.



June Birthdays

- June 3 Pastor Bryan Kittner
June 13 Anne Terrell
June 15 Larry Myers
June 16 Mark Andrews
June 22 Sandy Hague
Samantha Carroll
June 28 Lauren Szymczak



Let us give thanks for our members with June birthdays! If your name has been omitted, please call the church office so the correction can be made

Altar Guild Corner

While watching "Africa's Great Civilizations" on WOSU, I was reminded of Augustine of Hippo, whom Martin Luther ranked - after the Biblical writers - as an outstanding theological father of the Reformation. Though far removed from Luther, both geographically and in time (354-430 AD), Augustine greatly influenced the Protestant doctrines of original sin, the Trinity, and divine grace and salvation.

Augustine was Bishop of Hippo in what is now Algeria. His writings include The City of God and Confessions. Augustine's "just war" philosophy was most likely the basis for Luther's concept that secular government is given to us by God to keep order so that the Gospel can be preached.

Luther joined the Augustinian order, of which Augustine was the patron. Since Augustine loved and respected St. Paul's teachings, we can assume that this monastic order inspired the same feeling in Martin Luther.

Thank Yous!!

Team Emmanuel would like to thank all members who supported Sundae Sunday.



\$181.00 was contributed to the American Cancer Society because Lutherans love big bowls of ice cream with all the toppings!! At this time, our donations total \$6322.00. WOW!!!!

I want to thank my many friends and church family for your faithful prayers and cards through this time of trial. I want to especially thank June and the ladies for the prayer shawl and the square I hold at night.



God Bless you all.
Katha



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital.

Thanks to Pastor Kittner for his visits. My church family is so special to me.

God bless all of you.
Ron Storm

Thank you for the prayers for my brother, Chris Gibson, during his rough 3 week hospital stay after emergency surgery (we almost lost him!) and the long road to recover. He is doing so much better now. And thank you for the prayers for my daughter in law for her medical situation. I can tell you now that she is pregnant with my first grandchild, due in November. The prayer request was because of previous pregnancy complications.



Thank you!!
Gay Crilow



Dear Jim & Nancy,
I stopped & picked up a cross today & just wanted to say Thank you! Mostly for the Sunday morning "pick me up" on my way to church. I always listen & so enjoyable!

Thanks again,
Sue Guilliams

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the flowers you delivered to us. They brightened my day! The flowers are pretty and the little bucket is as cute as can be! Thanks to all the hands who helped!



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Sincerely,
Tina Albert



Thanks so much for the sweet petunia basket left on my front porch yesterday! The perfect way to start the month of May! Special thanks to all who put this project together!

The Bochmon Family (1289 PVDrive)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Gay Crilow is on vacation through June 7 th	2	3
4 Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am Worship	5	6 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 11:00am Water Color Group	7 9:30 Sarah's Prayer Shawls	8	9	10
11 Holy Trinity 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am Worship	12	13 14 Red Cross Blood Drive		15	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am Worship	19	20 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 11:00am Water Color Group 7:00pm Council	21 9:30 Sarah's Prayer Shawls Mary Martha Circle 1:00	22	23 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	24
24 9:15 Sunday School 10:30am Worship	26	27 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 11:00am Water Color Group	28 9:30 Sarah's Prayer Shawls	29	30	