

## August - September 2019 Good News Newsletter

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**Emanuel: God With Us ~ Loving Christ - Loving Others**



#### AUGUST 18 - It's BACK to SCHOOL SUNDAY!

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Mondays at 10:00a.m. & 6:00p.m., **August 12; September 9;**

**October 14 .**

**Emanuel's Annual Luke 14 Dinner** will be held on **August 27.**

**September 1** Sunday School Classes will start meeting at 9:15 am.

**RALLY DAY Sunday, September 15.**

**Anniversary Sunday - September 8 -** we will celebrate our

**101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Our Church Building!**

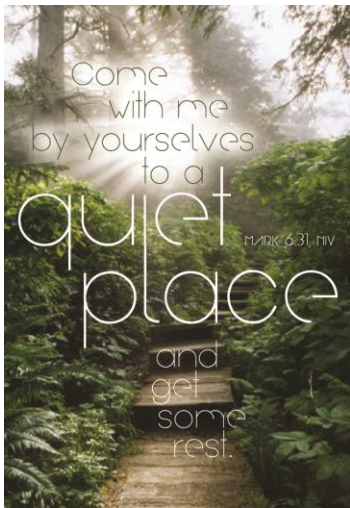


**God's work. Our hands.**  
**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

The Months of **September and October** are designated as **God's Work - Our Hands** months. We will be selling t-shirts watch for more information.

**Confirmation Class** will begin Sunday, **September 22**, during the Sunday School Hour 9:15-10:15.

**Look for more information about these events and others in this Good News Newsletter!**



The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. (Mark 6:30-31)

It's the middle of summer and I pray that by now you've taken some time for rest and relaxation. There have been times in the past few weeks when our Lutheran Center office has resembled a ghost town because of the scarcity of people. We have a small staff to begin with and when two or more are away, the building is extremely quiet. And it is at this opportune moment that we read in the lectionary the invitation from our Lord Jesus Christ to his disciple to come away to a deserted place and rest awhile. These words seem comforting and timely.

I can't help but think about the words of St. Augustine, who wrote: "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you."

I'm also reminded of the words of Jesus in the gospel according to Matthew, which we often hear at funerals: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [Matthew 11:28]

At the risk of sounding somewhat morbid, when you think about it, death is perhaps the only time we are truly at rest.

Undoubtedly, we live in a busy world. Despite all the time saving devices in our homes and work places, we still find it a challenge to do the things we like to do, to spend more time with our families, volunteer more of our time to a charity or to our church. We pack our lives so full that the day is finished before we've accomplished half of what we wanted to do.

Stress is an all too common fact in our lives. As a nation, we are in a constant state of anxiety. The end result is that we feel tired; or we find ourselves being angry at other people for almost no reason at all or, even more commonly, we feel unable to think good thoughts or do what we believe are good things. We are not at peace.

The National Sleep Foundation conducted a survey between 1999 and 2004 which revealed that 40 million Americans suffer from over 70 different sleep disorders, and 60 percent of adults report having sleep problems a few nights a week or more. Even children, 69 percent of them, experience one or more sleep problems a few nights or more during a week.

For Jesus and his disciples, it wasn't much different. They were busy running from town to town, healing people, driving out evil spirits, and trying to meet the people's ever increasing needs. But Jesus basically tells his disciples, "Time out!"

We all know this but more often than not we struggle on - especially those in the helping professions. We don't have time to stop for a while. In fact, we often feel guilty when we do stop for a while and have a bit of "me" time. This lack of rest often can lead us in the wrong direction. We don't assess things well it and make regrettable decisions.

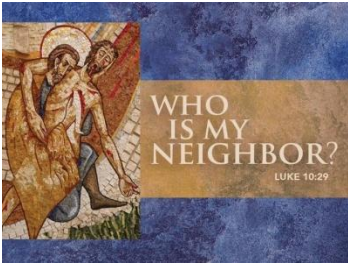
Jesus didn't feel guilty about taking time out. He rested. He prayed. So often in the gospels you will read that. Remember the story about Jesus sleeping in a boat that was being rocked by fierce waves?

He didn't make his disciples feel guilty either. They were human, so was he. They were leading a hectic life. There was a sense of urgency to get as much done as possible in the short time that Jesus had in the world. Yet Jesus has no qualms about having a little bit of time away from the pressures that had been placed on him by others. All of us have days where we need that kind of invitation. Like Jesus, there are moments when we need to get away for a while so do we. We cannot keep up the pace under constant pressure from all directions. We need to retreat, so we may be refreshed and renewed to continue to do what has to be done.

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."

You'll be all the better for it.

*Pastor Mark*



*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.* Luke 25: 27

*We are the ones in the ditch and the Samaritan represents God.* How is that for an interpretation of the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan? This is one of the many comments made by ELCA Pastor Brian Stoffregen in his sermon notes on the website CrossMarks. Now I do not think that the primary purpose for Jesus telling us this parable was to put us in the ditch and to make the Samaritan into God, but I do think this line of thinking is worth delving into a bit further.

As Jesus used this popular parable to illustrate that we are to show mercy to our neighbor and that our neighbor is anyone who is in need, I do think we can all identify with the man who was left half dead on the side of the road. We have all been in need of physical, spiritual, or mental healing at some time in our lives. We have all needed to find the mercy of some caring soul to take care of us. Additionally, in terms of our eternal lives, we all know that we are in need of being saved from our sinful ways.

This is where the love and mercy of God, of the Good Samaritan, comes into play. God meets us where we are--even if it is in the ditch when others have ignored us. God provides us with unlimited resources to heal us, not just helping us out of the ditch, but finding us a safe place to stay and promising us continued care. As we are in any number of helpless situations in our lives, God is there granting us grace, granting us healing, and granting us hope. When we are in need and cannot help ourselves we will find God in that person walking by, we will find God in the innkeeper who has put his trust in the Good Samaritan and we will always find hope as we open ourselves to the love and grace of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Pastor Stoffregen mentioned that he has used the text of the Good Samaritan at the funeral services of a 19-year-old who had been killed in a car accident and a 2-year-old who died of a disease. He has done so to remind us that there is evil in the world. In the Good Samaritan parable we don't know why the man in the parable is attacked, beaten, and robbed, but it happens. Likewise, we don't always know why young children die. Bad things happen in our lives and I don't believe that such tragedies are part of God's plan.

However, what we do know is that God not only gets into the ditch with the half-dead man, but with suffering parents and friends and with us. Furthermore, as Jesus went to the Cross of Calvary with our sins we know that there is a resurrection "donkey" who transports us to the heavenly "inn" where there is complete recovery from all pain and suffering, where it has all been paid for.

We are all truly victims of brokenness and sin and we have no choice but to give ourselves up to the mercy of God. Until next time, may the peace and healing of God be with you all.

Deacon Kevin

**Please Note: Confirmation Class** will begin Sunday, **September 22**, during the Sunday School Hour 9:15-10:15. Confirmation instruction is for students in grades 6 & 7 and is a two-year program. This year study will concentrate on the Bible and the Ten Commandments. If you have any questions about confirmation please contact Deacon Kevin.







## Notes From Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison

**Paintball at Splatterpark**, Saturdays/Sundays 10 - 5. We have tickets for \$5 that can be used on weekends throughout this season! Get a group together to go! \$5 - gets you: All Day admission to open play, safety mask rental, Tippmann paintball gun, 100 paintballs, lunch at the Tippman Cafe! If you have a group of 10 or more, reservations are needed. Tanyce has these tickets! We have 38 left! Minors need a waiver signed.

**AUGUST 18 - It's BACK to SCHOOL SUNDAY!** We will be offering prayers and blessings in our worship services for students, their families and school personnel for a year filled with the love of learning, kindness, and knowing Jesus is always with you wherever you go and whatever you do!



**AUGUST 25** The Mission Team will be taking part in worship and sharing some of our favorite stories with all of you! We want to show our gratefulness to Emanuel for this wonderful "God Opportunity", so we will be serving a light lunch starting at 10:15 in the gathering space! We will have "to-go" containers to take with you and possibly share with someone!

**SEPTEMBER 1** Sunday School Classes will start meeting on **September 1** at 9:15 am. We will be preparing for **RALLY DAY on Sunday, September 15**. At the 10:30 Worship service, the classes will be taking part in worship and we will follow with the **Rally Day Celebration** of pizza, inflatables and fun on the green space following the 10:30 service! Mark your calendars!

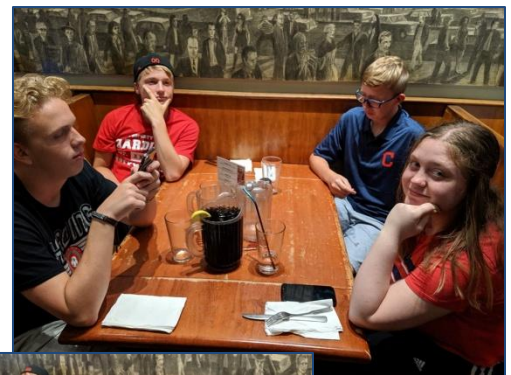
**SEPTEMBER 5 - 11:45** on The Popcorn Community Stage near The Palace, Emanuel Childcare will be performing! Come and support us!



**SEPTEMBER 6 and 7 - We need workers** for the **Parking Lot** for the Popcorn Festival. These proceeds will benefit the Luther League, Mission Trips, and all youth! Watch for the sign up in the Gathering Space. Interested? Contact Tanyce



**Mission Trip NYC  
Emanuel's  
Team!**





(\*More pictures are posted on the bulletin in the 2nd floor elevator lobby)

On July 7, 37 people from Emanuel Lutheran, St. Paul Waldo Lutheran, and Peace Community Church traveled by bus to New York City to work with the YSOP (Youth Services Opportunity Projects).

**Flexibility** is the word to keep in mind for a mission trip. We had to remember that on our very first day. We got a call from the bus company at 4:30a.m. that Sunday morning saying our bus was delayed because the windshield wipers wouldn't work. By 8:00a.m. we were all loaded on this second bus and we were settled in. About an hour on the road, the air conditioning stopped working and then it started to blow out heat! About three hours later, we switched buses again! The point of this message is that **EVERYONE** was flexible! **EVERYONE** was looking for the good and encouraging each other! We used that lesson throughout our week as we served in food pantries, soup kitchens, gardens, senior centers. We used that attitude as we negotiated the subways, the neighborhoods, the unknown that we would encounter. Emanuel's 15 people were divided into 5 different groups so we all have different stories from our experiences. But the common themes were these:

- We met people who offered guidance to us when we were lost.
- We met people who welcomed us into their service projects so that we could experience a little bit of what they do **EVERYDAY**.
- We saw hunger, homelessness, and lost souls.
- We had the wonderful opportunity to think about how blessed we are and witness the poorest of poor sharing.
- It was humbling.
- It was eye- opening. **It was life changing.**

We are so **very grateful** for our congregation for supporting this mission.





**Book Study** *A Compact Guide to the Whole Bible, Learning to Read Scripture's Story* will be led by Deacon Kevin on the 4th Mondays of the month beginning August 26. Meeting times will be 10:00 am and 6:00 pm in the Gathering Space. You decide which time is best for you. We will meet for about one hour. There will be a signup sheet in the Gathering Space August 4 & 11 and books will be passed out at the first meeting. Twenty books have been purchased using a Thrivent Action Grant.

**Funeral Planning:** A new guide for funeral planning can be found in the Narthex and in the Gathering Space. This guide is simpler than one that was made available a few years ago so we hope you will take a look at it, complete it and if you so desire we can make a copy to keep in the office. Planning ahead for your funeral and the funerals of loved ones can take away much of the stress that is present at an already stressful time. If you have any other concerns regarding funerals here at Emanuel please contact Pastor Mark or Deacon Kevin.

**The next Women's Social Group** activity will be held on Friday, September 20, at the home of Dee Rinehart. There will be a wiener roast and S'mores along with the opportunity to visit and enjoy the evening air. Surveys were handed out at the first event and are still available to all women of the church. We'd like your input as to what you would like this group to be in 2020. We're just getting this started! Watch your bulletin for details of this event and another dinner and a movie night to be held on November 22. For further information or a survey, please see Ann Thomas, Dianne Schuring, Dee Rinehart, or Chris Kehn.

*"And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there"* Matthew 18:20

**Hour of Prayer** is open to anyone who wants to participate. The hour is spent exploring prayer practices, study of scripture that influences prayer and in practicing praying.

Join us on: Monday, August 12 @10:00a.m. - Lounge;  
@ 6:00p.m. - Sanctuary

Monday, September 9 @ 6-8p.m. Pleasant Park (Picnic and Prayer);

Monday, October 14 @ 10:00a.m.- Lounge;  
6:00p.m. Gathering Space

Monday, November 11 @ 10 a.m.- Lounge;  
6:00p.m. Gathering Space



Contact Parish Deacon Ann for details about the Sept. 9 picnic and to register for the picnic. Meat will be provided. Covered dish, drink, and table service needs to be brought with you.



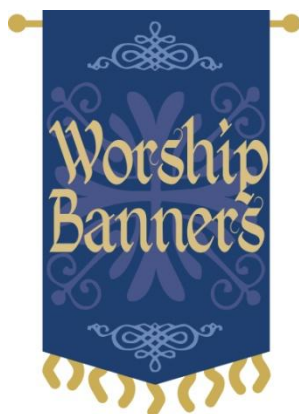
**Diakonia Graduation**  
Congratulations to Chris Kehn  
and Gary Hinaman.



Amelia and Lily look like they  
had lots of fun at the  
**Annual Ice Cream Social!**



Watch for information about the next Bd. of Fellowship event, **"Around the World Potluck"** on September 8 at 5:00p.m.



I started a series in the June/July Newsletter explaining about the banners that Ann Thomas made that hang in the sanctuary. This time I will tell you about the banners for August and September.

The August Banners are about Creation in Genesis, chapter 1. There are 6 banners starting the 1<sup>st</sup> day creation of light, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day creation of the expanse (the Heavens), the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, creation of land and vegetation,

the 4<sup>th</sup> day creation of light to rule the day and the light to rule the night, the 5<sup>th</sup> day creation of the sky and sea, and the 6<sup>th</sup> day, creation of living creatures including man.

The September Banners are what I wrote about for the July Banners. I was told by Ann Thomas that somehow the July and September got switched. So the September Banners represent Matthew 25: 35-36. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me." The banners are done in shades of gray, black, and beige. There is one small item of color in each one. There is a flower, red lips, a three dimensional jacket, a red house, and blue water. Each of the 6 banners has one of these, bread, water, woman with red shirt, child with father, a homeless person, and a person in prison. The father and child are from a real photo. In that family three daughters have had a debilitating disease. Two have died and the third is still alive although she cannot see, hear, communicate or walk. The two other children survive unharmed by the disease.

Next time I will tell about more banners.  
*Alicia Mayes*

**Emanuel's Annual Luke 14 Dinner** will be held on **August 27**. This special ministry of Women of the Church is an evening of good food and entertainment for Nursing Home and RHAM residents.

**Helpers are needed!** Drivers and kitchen help. Please contact Norma Ward at 382-6282 for more information



When  
*you give a feast,*  
invite the poor, the crippled,  
the lame, the blind,  
*and you will be blessed.*  
Luke 14:13-14, ESV



**A church** is an imperfect mix of imperfect believers, so it's easy for members to find faults or feel disappointed. That, in turn, may tempt us to shop around.

C.S. Lewis addresses that in *The Screwtape Letters*. "If a man can't be cured of churchgoing," Screwtape advises his demon protégé, "the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches." How Satan must hate when Christians maintain long-term commitment to one church!

The urge to church-hop harms congregations as well as believers. "Spiritual depth isn't fostered by satiating your sense of felt needs," writes James Emery White. "It's receiving a balanced diet of teaching and challenge, investing in service and mission, living in community and diversity that you probably would not select for yourself."



### **Summary of the June 17, 2019 Parish Planning Council Meeting:**

Members present: President, Donna Thomas; Secretary, Betty Anderson, Treasurer Rex Parrott, Deacon Kevin Kehn. Board Members: Amy Pirnstill, Daryl Kraner, Dianne Schuring, Paula Burnside, Andrea Ciola, Jim Conway, Cindy Strzalka. Guests: Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison, Financial Secretary Ed Stofcheck. (Pastor Mark excused - vacation)

President Thomas called the meeting to order and Deacon Kehn led devotions and served Holy Communion.

The April PPC minutes were approved. Treasurer Parrott reported that Child Care ended the month with a positive balance; Ed Stofcheck reported that Emanuel ended with a positive balance.

Deacon Kehn reported that he will be leading a book study on "The Compact Guide to The Whole Bible" in August/September; the Synod Day of Prayer will be held in Tiffin on November 6; a new funeral brochure is available; he asked the PPC to keep Pastor James Rave in prayer, he has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

**Board Reports:** Child Care: Amy Pirnstill reported that the May Yard Sale was successful, they are discussing ways to improve it; and Water Day is July 12.

Communication/Evangelism: Daryl Kraner circulated a list of activities the board has completed this year in coordination with Vision 2020, plus a list of activities they wish to work on; they are manning Emanuel's booth at the Marion County Fair.

Education: Dianne Schuring reported that their board has been busy with the graduation breakfast, confirmation class breakfast and Vacation Bible School; the Mission Trip is next month and the fundraising is complete.

Fellowship: Andrea Ciola reported that Emanuel will participate in the Christmas tour of downtown churches; the Ice Cream Social will be held July 21; are discussing hosting a potluck on Anniversary Sunday, September 8, with an Around The World theme.

Finance: Paula Burnside reported that Consecration Sunday will be October 13.

Properties: Jim Conway reported that the new AC is up and running; other projects include replacing the flooring in the office; updating the chapel and lounge; getting estimates to replace the church roof.

Spiritual Life: Cindy Strzalka stated that their board will meet with the Communication/Evangelism Board to review implementation of Vision 2020; the board discussed ways to use the "Welcome" Ed Stofcheck presented to council in April; following discussion it was voted to include the "Welcome" in weekly bulletins every Sunday; President Thomas asked the two board to work together to determine other ways the "Welcome" could be available in the church.

A motion was made to accept all board reports.

President Thomas closed the meeting by members praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00p.m.

( **please note** the Parish Planning Council and all Board Reports are available in the Library)





## *Thank You Church Family*

*Thank you* for the prayers during my surgery and your continued prayers. With Love, Denise Owens.

*Thank You* so much for the prayers and cards that were sent to me on my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. I was so surprised and thank you also to Deacon Kevin Kehn for the communion he has given me many times!. Thanks Again, Virginia Klingel

*Thank You* for the beautiful Lord's Prayer throw in memory of Harlan. We so appreciate the many, many prayers during Harlan's illness. Thank you for wrapping us in love. Sandy Needham & Tracy Detwiler

The VanRiper Family would like to *thank everyone* for all the cards and well wishes on William's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. He so enjoyed each one, and was surprised to have received so many. William, Elizabeth & Brock

Dear Friends, *Thank You* so much for the beautiful cards and kind thoughts I received for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a special blessing. God Bless you all. Love Betty Miller

*Thanks so much* to those who sent me 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cards! Now I'm in need of your prayers to speed a recovery after falling and breaking 3 ribs! Thanks again, Peggy Caserta

### **Happy Birthday Wishes One and All!**

Peggy Hall will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 6. (511 Vernon Hts. Blvd., Marion)

Judith Stroble will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on August 7. (641 Mt. Vernon Ave., Marion)

Norma Fanello will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on August 9. (4747 Baer Rd. Marion)

Jane Laucher will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on August 14. (Kingston #104, 464 Jamesway Dr. Marion )

Mary Richardson will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 14. (729 Laura Dr. Marion)

Mary Danner will celebrate her 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 20.

(Seton Square #128, 255 Richland Rd., Marion)

Earl Key will celebrate his 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on September 9.

(8073 Tylersville Rd. #157, West Chester, OH 45069)

Dorothy Taylor will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on September 13. (663 Hampton Woods Dr., Marion)

Let's remember these faithful members with our prayers and cards!



### **Happy birthday to — and for — you!**

Birthdays are unique because they celebrate who someone *is*, not what they've *done*. Henri Nouwen wrote, "It is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, 'Thank you for being you.' ... On a birthday we do not say, 'Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.' No, we say, 'Thank you for being born and being among us.'" To rejoice over someone purely for who they are is an echo of God's joy over us. Some families celebrate "baptism birthdays" (anniversaries) by lighting candles, sharing scripture and prayer, perhaps looking at photos and recounting stories of that milestone event that marked the beginning of their faith life. On a birthday, said Nouwen, "we lift someone up and let everyone say, 'We love you.'" In baptism, God lifts us to His very heart and declares, "**You are my precious child. I love you.**"

# **"God's Work Our hands"**

## **Join as we do God's work In Christ's name for the life of the world.**

### **There is an opportunity for you here!**

The ELCA and The Social Ministry Board is designating September and October as a time of service by providing opportunities to celebrate who we are as The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. God's Work Our Hands is becoming a familiar motto within the Lutheran church. For some of us, prayer has been our way of providing help for our neighbors, but we may not be sure of how we can physically help those in need.

We are continuing the "Pocket of Projects" again this year, offering a variety of service projects for individuals, families, or groups that can be accomplished in one's home or in a community setting and all to serve and love our neighbor in our community. This year we've added some new outreach organizations and community needs from which to select.

#### **What to do.....**

In September we will display the "Pocket of Projects" in the Gathering Space. Select a service project by taking a description card from the *Pocket of Projects* and a corresponding information sheet that will describe all you need to complete the project. We are hoping that most projects are completed by the end of October. There is also a reflection paper so that you can tell us about your service project and any comments you wish to offer.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact any one on the Social Ministry Board:

Betty Jo Lill, Barb Russo

Cindy Schifer, Chris Kehn, Kelli Hundley



**Lutheran Men in Mission 2019 Mackinac Bridge Walk:** Labor Day, **September 2.** **Walkers** and people to **pledge** for the walkers are needed. Pledge and Registration Forms will be available in the Gathering Space the end of August. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

**Children's Choir:** under the direction of Teri Turner is for children age 3 to 6th grade Join her in the Gathering Space on **Wednesday's at 6:00p.m.** First Rehearsal will be **August 28**

#### **Adult Choirs:**

**Emanuel Choir**, under the direction of Tanyce Addison, will meet for the first time on **August 28** at 6:00p.m. (Music Room-2nd floor)

**Bell Choir**, under the direction of Carolyn Fox, will meet on **September 4** at 7:00p.m.







**September Fellowship Lunch September 12.** Our Speaker: Rex Parrott talking about Wyandot Popcorn Inc. Rex retired from Wyandot after working there many years and has a lot to tell us. Menu for September: Country Style Ribs, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, and Outrageous Cookie Bars. This lunch will be served family style.

**Waldo Fresh Food Distribution** will be held on September 6 And October 4 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waldo. Food distribution will begin at 11:00 and finish up at 2:00; workers need to report around 10:00. September collecting Detergent; October collecting Lip Balm & Lotion A basket is located in the 2st floor Elevator Lobby for your donations



**More fun @ the Ice Cream Social!**

Thanks Bruce for sharing your homemade Ice Cream with everyone!



**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

**Education** is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential

supplies to help children - and in some cases, adults - continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

The Sunday School is once again working with the Women of The Church in providing School Kits for LWR.

**School Bags** were made during our Service Sunday Events - plus the Church Women have purchased these special bags. We need your help in collecting the following:

- \* 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper;
- \*30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- \*pencil sharpeners; \*blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- \*unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; \*black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink);
- \*boxes of 16 or 24 crayons; \*2 ½" eraser

Collect one of each or as many as you would like! All donations are greatly appreciated. In October we will pack and ship the School Kits. We will once again put tracking labels on the boxes so we can see where our shipment went to around the world! Another **"God's Work - Our Hands"** project.

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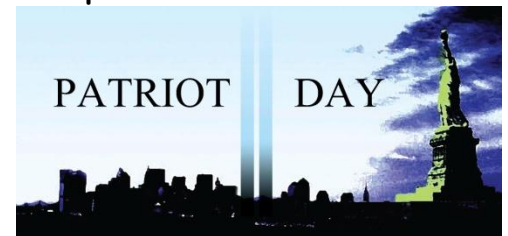
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**September 2**  
Church Office &  
Child Care Closed

**September 11 - We Remember!**



### **The Heart Of Worship**

The worship to which we are called in our renewed state is far too important to be left to personal preferences, to whims or to marketing strategies. It is the pleasing of God that is at the heart of worship. Therefore, our worship must be informed at every point by the Word of God as we seek God's own instructions for worship that is pleasing to him. —R.C. Sproul



**Worship Opportunities At Emanuel**

**Thursday Praise Worship:**  
Every Thursday @ 7:00p.m.  
In the Chapel

### **Sunday Worship:**

8:00a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:15a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10:30a.m. Traditional Worship

### **Sunday School:**

Adult Sunday School held every Sunday @ 9:15  
Children's Sunday School starts  
Sunday, **September 1** at 9:15a.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**