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The Result of the September 29 Special Congregational Meeting

Following reports from Pastor Mark, Deacon Kevin, and Treasurer Rex Parrott; Vice President Rick Varner made the following motion: **To accept Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison into the TEEM Program as a candidate for ordination and provide financial and spiritual support though the completion of the program.** President Donna Thomas asked for a voice vote. The confirmed membership of Emanuel voted unanimously to accept the motion. The vote was followed by applause. Watch for more information concerning this History making decision.

22nd Annual Emanuel Lutheran Thanks & Giving

Join us in the Church Parlor for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner!

Our gift to the Marion Community

Thursday, November 28

Serving from noon to 3:00p.m.

Open to the public



The following items are needed for the dinner:
(42 needed) Turkey - cooked, carved and frozen
(17 needed) Boneless Ham- cooked and sliced
(21 needed) #10 size can Green Beans
(7 needed) #10 size can Sweet Potatoes
(50 needed) Pumpkin Pie
(40 needed) Cherry Pie
\$ Monetary Gifts



If you would like to volunteer for this Annual Event, signup sheets will be available in the Gathering Space. We appreciate your help!

A Note From Pastor Mark: I am sharing with you a message from our Northwestern Ohio Synod Bishop Beaudoin on the topic of *The Sanctuary Church Body*.

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was growing up, our neighbor to the south was Mr. Hans Christian Seng. He and his wife Mary operated a "mom and pop greenhouse". They regularly brought us tomato and cucumber "starts" for our garden. After Mary died, and Hans grew older, our family spent a lot of time helping him. Hans was born in Germany. His father was killed in World War I. His mother could not care for the children, so the oldest 2 boys were sent to America in 1921. Hans was 15 years old. His brother was 14. The Lutheran Church sponsored the boys, paid their passage across the Atlantic, enrolled them in school, taught them English, and found them jobs. For the rest of his days, Hans remained grateful for the help he received from the Lutheran Church.

Lutherans have a long and rich history of helping immigrants and refugees. Since 1939, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services have been doing this important work on our behalf. After World War II, the world was not too eager to help the German people, but the Lutherans in America offered aid to German refugees. After the Vietnam War, many Lutheran congregations helped Vietnamese and Hmong people live and thrive in America. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is an immigrant church who has been long committed to serving the alien and the immigrant.

In the Torah we read, "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" (Leviticus 19:34). The Prophet Jeremiah writes, "Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place." (Jeremiah 22:3). In Matthew 22, Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. And to love our neighbor as ourselves. In Matthew 25, Jesus shows us what this love can look like when it is put into action. "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35).

Caring for the vulnerable, the stranger and the alien is deeply rooted in God's Word and lived through the people of God on a daily basis through the power of the Holy Spirit. God wants us to remember who we were and from whence we came, so that we might grow and mature into the loving and compassionate people God longs for us to be. God wants us to be a people who remember and a people who act.

Let's be honest. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is an immigrant church. Many of our ancestors came to this country to seek a better life for their children and grand-children. Some came to avoid war and poverty. Some came to experience religious freedom. Some were brought to this country against their will. The hopes and dreams of our ancestors continue to live in us, just as our hopes and dreams continue to live in those who will follow us. As the people of God in this place and time, I ask us to prayerfully ponder what kind of a legacy we long to leave our children and grand-children. My prayer is that we leave a legacy of faith, compassion, and love.

As many of you know, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from August 5-10, for its triennial Churchwide Assembly. We worshiped, prayed, and studied Scripture. We re-elected our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to a second six-year term. We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women. On August 7, we adopted a resolution that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America become a "sanctuary church body". The language of the resolution is as follows:

To reaffirm the long-term and growing commitment of this church to migrants and refugees and to the policy questions involved, as exemplified most recently in the comprehensive strategy Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO);

*To recognize that the ELCA in congregations, synods and the churchwide organization are already taking the actions requested by this memorial; and

- *To request that appropriate staff on the AMMPARO team, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services LIRS and the Domestic Mission, Global Mission, and Mission Advancement units review the existing strategies and practices by the five current sanctuary synods and develop a plan for additional tools that provide for education and discernment around sanctuary; and
- *The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America declares itself a sanctuary church body; and
- *To request the ELCA Church Council, in consultation with the appropriate churchwide units and offices, provide guidance for the three expressions of this church about what it means to be a sanctuary church body and provide a report to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

This resolution has fostered a lot of interest, debate, and critique among us. Some in our church body are delighted at this news. Some are apprehensive and concerned. Some are angry. Some have spoken out in ways that do not reflect the love of Jesus. I encourage us to reflect the light and love of Jesus in our words and deeds.

As we prayerfully consider the "sanctuary church body" resolution that was passed on August 7, a few points of clarification of "what does this mean" and "what does this not mean" may be helpful.

What does this mean?

- We will continue to seek God's guidance through God's Word, prayer, and faithful discernment and deliberation.
- We will continue our long history of working with immigrants and helping to resettle refugees through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
- We will continue to learn from those in our church who are working directly with migrants and refugees
- We will await the development of educational resources that will help our congregations and the people of God grow in our Biblical and theological understanding of serving migrants and refugees
- We will await the report of the ELCA Church Council (due in 2022) that will offer guidance and definition related to this "sanctuary church body" resolution

What does this not mean?

- The Churchwide Assembly's declaration that the ELCA is a sanctuary denomination binds only the ELCA Churchwide Organization; it does not bind congregations, synods, or other organizations. Congregations, synods, and ministries cannot be mandated or directed to respond in specific ways.
- The Churchwide Assembly did not call for any illegal actions, all actions approved by the Churchwide Assembly are legal, and whether any person or organization chooses to engage in civil disobedience (and therefore accept the consequences) is up to them.
- The Churchwide Assembly did not define what it means to be a sanctuary denomination, but rather requested that the ELCA Church Council provide guidance and resources for what it means to be a sanctuary denomination in 2022.

My prayer for our church is that we continue to follow Jesus in our love for God and for neighbor. And that the Holy Spirit will continue to stretch and grow us to become the people God longs for us to be.

Bless you,
Bishop Daniel Beaudoin



Give justice...

About a month ago Psalm 82 was the appointed psalm in the lectionary. As we studied it with our pastors' group on Tuesday the leader for that week shared a commentary in which modern-day theologian, Clint McCann, who is a professor at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, claims that Psalm 82 is "the single most important text" in the entire Bible. This intrigued me so I read more, first of all by reading the psalm...

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

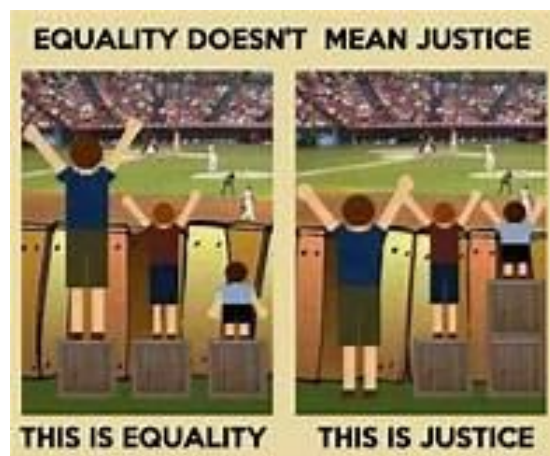
They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

McCann wrote that according to Psalm 82, what it means to be God--what characterizes divinity--is to protect and provide for the lives of the most vulnerable, not by offering charitable handouts but rather by what Hossfeld and Zenger call "comprehensive alteration in social and political conditions"--in a word justice, understood systematically as transformative opposition to "the hand" or "the power" of oppressors, named here by the repeated term "the wicked."

The bottom line is that God provides justice as a transformative opposition to the wicked and as God's children we are called to provide justice also. Where we see wicked in the world, where we see evil in the world, we are called to provide justice to those who are vulnerable.



As the drawing depicts, equality is not the same as justice. As we desire to see justice in this world let us join with the psalmist praying, *Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!*

Until next time, may the peace and healing of God be with you all.

-Deacon Kevin

Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison - Family Life Ministry News:

Thank
you!



Thank you to everyone for a wonderful kick start with our Rally Day Celebration, September 15! The Sunday School classes took part in a skit "Are You Hungry?"; modeled some of our pillowcase dresses (90 were made!) that will be taken to LDFA -Little Dresses For Africa; presented our LWR School Kits (75 will be shipped!); and 5-fleece blankets were brought forward as our offering items made during our Service Sundays. Then we celebrated! Worship - Service - Study - Celebration - the making of a disciple!

We want to thank our Sunday School Staff for their commitment to sharing and teaching Christ with our children: Darlene Schaadt, Sunday School Superintendent, Teachers Chris Kehn, Heather Smith, Lesley Conway, Meghan Kollas, Dee Rinehart, Kathy Mullins, Linda Hoch; Librarian, Louann Showalter; Substitutes: Ashley Ciola-Varga, Jen and Rob Valentine, Dianne Schuring. If you would like to have your name added to this great ministry, please see Tanyce.

"By this all people will know
that you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another."
JOHN 13:35, ESV



Dates to put on your calendar

Service Sundays: October 20 - Social Ministries Outreach projects
November 17 - Thanksgiving Blessing Bags and Making Advent Wreaths

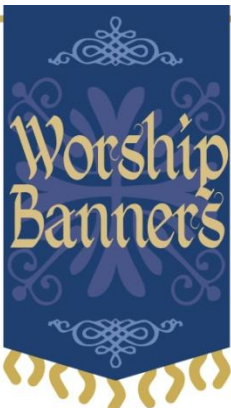


Sunday School Christmas Program is **December 9** at 9:15a.m.

Rehearsal will be **December 8** with our *Christmas Family and Friends Bowling Party* following rehearsal.



Mid-week Advent Services will be held on Wednesdays: December 4, 11, and 18 in the parlors at 7:00p.m. The candlelight services gather in a circle for Word, Sacrament, Offerings and Music. Fellowship with Advent food refreshments will follow.



The Banners For October And November are celebrating the work of the Quilters. The first two are of an African Boy and a Homeless Man in the United States with a quilt. The idea came from a Lutheran Standard article several years ago. The second two banners were added in 2003. The pictures were sent by Brenda Meier at Lutheran World Relief who visited Africa during the winter. The pictures are of the African man with a quilt wrapped around him and an African mother with a baby clothed from gifts of Lutheran World Relief. The Unique and United banners are hung last. Each of us bring our own "Unique" talents and personalities and we are "United" in Christ.

Next time I will be telling about more of our banners. Alicia Mayes.

Summary of the August 20, 2019 – Parish Planning Council Meeting

President Donna Thomas opened the meeting, and Deacon Kevin Kehn led the devotions based on Isaiah 6, Jeremiah 1, and Ezekiel 2 & 3, and Pastor Mark Schuring shared Holy Communion with the PPC.

Treasurer's Report -Ed Stofcheck reported that by the end of July the treasury had a positive balance of \$523.87. In order to reach this positive balance, they augmented the treasury with funds from the Jerew fund and other accounts.

Report from Pastor Mark Schuring - Pastor Mark stated that he had a busy month.

Report from Deacon Kevin Kehn -Kevin Kehn shared several dates with the PPC. He reported that the Luke 14 Dinner is August 27, and the Synod Day of Prayer will take place in Tiffin on November 6. The Fall Gathering with the Bishop will be October 6 in Bucyrus. He will be leading a book study on The Compact Guide to the Whole Bible that begins next Monday, August 26 at 10:00 and 6:00. Confirmation begins in September.

Reports from Administrative Boards -

Child Care - Amy Pirnstill said Child Care had a positive balance for July of \$121.51. The Child Care Board will man the Popcorn Festival Parking Lot on Thursday, September 4. The pie sale will take place in October, the annual Book Fair is scheduled for December 6-15, and the Christmas Program will be December 13. They are exploring the possibility of noisy offerings. The Preschool is looking for more space so they can increase the enrollment from 8 to 12 students. Tanyce Addison will discuss this possibility with the Child Care Board.

Communications/Evangelism - Daryl Kraner stated that they will begin a trial usage of ID name badges. For the first few weeks, they will use stick on name tags to see if the congregation will buy in to using name badges. Donna Thomas will talk to this board about organizing a volunteer committee to create a new church directory.

Education - Dianne Schuring reported that their board used the last meeting as a dream session. Rally Day is September 15 and Sunday School begins soon.

Fellowship - Andrea Ciola thanked the PPC for providing food for the Gathering Space refreshments. The Fellowship Board will host a potluck on Anniversary Sunday, September 8, with an Around the World theme.

Finance - Paula Burnside reported that the church accounts are in good standing. Consecration Sunday will be October 13, 2019.

Properties -Jim Conway asked the PPC to make a motion to obtain estimates for the replacement of the church roof. Tom Schifer has contacted 4 companies to give estimates. Paula Burnside made a motion that the Board of Properties obtain estimates to repair/replace the sanctuary roof. Rex Parrott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Social Ministry - Betty Jo Lill stated that 200 backpacks were taken to McKinley Elementary School for distribution. The Gods Work, Our Hands outreach will begin September 8, and 18 different projects will be posted in the Gathering Space beginning September 29. Beginning Tuesday, September 10, Epworth UMC will organize a free community meal to be held the second Tuesday of each month at Trinity Baptist Church. This will replace the free meal that was held at St Paul's Episcopal Church. Epworth will provide the meal every other month and are looking for other congregations to fill in the other six dates. The meals cannot be prepared at Trinity so the food needs to be brought into the church ready to serve.

Spiritual Life - Cindy Strzalka read a welcome to parents of children and the congregation. They plan to laminate this Welcome and The Welcome PPC voted on at last meeting and place them in the pews, as well as providing them at other events and locations around the church.

Paula Burnside moved to accept the secretary's report, the treasurer's report, and all board reports, and Rick Varner seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business - none

New Business - President Donna Thomas introduced Bishop Daniel Beaudoin of the NW Ohio Synod. The Synod has an exciting opportunity for Emanuel to participate in. He explained the TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) Program as a pathway for select candidates to complete three years of theological coursework while serving in a congregation. At the end of the three years of successful training, the candidates earn a Certificate of Ordination. Five exceptional individuals have been identified in our synod, and Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison has been selected.

The synod is asking the sponsoring congregation to provide one third of the cost of tuition. Rex Parrott talked with Ed Baldauf about using funds from the Agnes Baldauf Seminary Fund to pay Emanuel's portion of the tuition.

Pastor Mark Schuring and Pastor Adam Sornchai will be her mentors. While participating in the TEEM Program, Tanyce will be able to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. Bishop Beaudoin hopes Emanuel will become a strong anchor congregation, reaching out to smaller congregations in the area to share ministry opportunities.

Amy Pirnstill made the following motion - I move that the PPC schedule a congregational meeting to accept Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison into the TEEM Program and provide financial and spiritual support though the completion of the program. Dianne Schuring seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Donna Thomas closed the meeting with all PPC members praying the Lord's Prayer together.

Next PPC meeting MONDAY, October 21, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Anderson

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**The Comfort Quilters** purchased a new sewing machine in September 2019 to replace the one that died. The old one was taken to Sew Nice so they can redeem any old parts that might work. We have not purchased a new machine for years. The new one should last at least 20 years. Thank you for supporting the quilting project. We still need clean old sheets. If you are cleaning house and getting rid of any old sheets we would appreciate receiving them. Ann Thomas

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You are invited to participate in TWO Trunk or Treat Events here At Emanuel:
On Wednesday, **October 30 from 5:30-6**, Teri Turner asks your participation in a Trunk or Treat for our Children's Choir kids, and anyone else who would like to participate. Meet at 5:00 on the 30th to decorate your cars. (Teri will meet with anyone needing decorating ideas on Wednesday October 16 at noon or at 5:00 in the Gathering Space.) **AND** The Bd. of Social Ministries invites you to participate in The Annual Neighborhood Trunk or Treat held in our parking lot on **October 31 from 5:30 -7:30p.m.** This event is for the neighborhood kids, providing them a safe place to go Trick or Treating.

Come on out, decorate your cars and support these great activities!

Consecration Sunday Is Coming - October 13

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

There is no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship Pastor Mark will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

On behalf of the Board of Finance, Paula Burnside - Director; Rex Parrott - Treasurer

Mark Your Calendars!

The October Fellowship Lunch will be on the 3rd at 11:30. Our speaker will be from the Marion Public Library talking about the new programs that are being offered. The menu for October is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, salad, and apple crisp.

The November Fellowship Lunch will be the 7th at 11:30. The speaker will be Rick Howell talking about benefits that veterans may qualify to receive. The menu will be given later.



A Message From Parish Deacon Ann Thomas

Hour of Prayer: The hour is spent exploring prayer practices, study of scripture that influences prayer and in practicing praying.

Join us on:

Monday, October 14 @ 10:00a.m.- Lounge;

6:00p.m. Gathering Space

Monday, November 11 @ 10:00 a.m.- Lounge;

6:00p.m. Gathering Space

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Join us in worship on Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated. The service is broadcast on WMRN. To find the service quickly, go to Emanuel's website and click on the "Listen Tab." The Annual Pie Social will follow the service. Bring your favorite pie to share!



Church Library News ~ LouAnn Showalter, Librarian:

I have asked Carl & Frank to build a "Free Little

Library." It will be placed in front of the Church Office. I am so excited about this project! I am hoping anyone who walks by will take one and enjoy it, then if possible bring another one back. I will try to keep not only children's books, but a few adult books, magazines, and Bibles. We have many books in our Library to share, but if you have any good, used books to donate, let me know. We ask that you Not drop them off in the Library, but contact me at la_showalter@yahoo.com. This is such a great way to spread God's love with the community! **Also our Library is conveniently located** on the first floor of the church building, off the parking lot. It is open from 8-5 Monday-Friday and Sunday's 8:00-11:30. Stop by and check our great variety of books and magazines!



The First Meeting Of The LGBT & Allies Group will be held at Emanuel on Sunday, October 13 at 7:00p.m. in the Parlor. If you are LGBT or an Ally join us for food and fellowship.



The Fresh Food Winter Distributions will be held at *All Occasions*.

Date:

November 7
December 5
January 2
February 6
March 5

Donations:

hats, gloves & scarves
socks
tissues and paper towels
soap (dish, body, bar)
shampoo, conditioner.
toilet paper is collected
each month

Distributions begins at 11:00a.m. Volunteers please arrive at 10:00a.m. THANKS.



Frank Fanello will celebrate his 92nd birthday on October 24.

Bob Ferguson will celebrate his 97th birthday on October 29.

Donald Hall will celebrate his 91st birthday on November 3.

Oscar Hartman will celebrate his 95th birthday on November 21.

Let's remember Frank, Bob, Donald & Oscar with our prayers and cards.



The Altar Guild will be decorating for the Advent/Christmas Season on November 29. All are invited and encouraged to help! **Men Are Especially Needed!** (to climb ladders!!!!) Please contact Alicia Mayes if you are able to help.



Dear Friends at Emanuel, not only was I blessed with a 93rd birthday, I was showered with birthday greetings that kept coming for days! Many, many thanks! Judy Stroble.

Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you all for the prayers, love, and support of your ministry. Bill Caruso and Sandy Zech.

WOW what a wonderful 97th birthday I had! Cards upon cards, telephone calls, visits, and a surprise birthday party. Can you beat that? God has really blessed me with everything I have. Thanks to each and everyone. May God Bless you. Mary Danner.

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the beautiful cards and wishes for my 90th birthday. We are so blessed to be able to enjoy this special day! Peggy Hall

Dear Church Family, Thank you for making my 90th birthday such a special day with all of the cards and wishes. God's Blessings, Mary Richardson

My Beautiful Emanuel Family, thank you for all your prayers. Thank you Pastor Mark and Deacon Kevin for all your visits in the hospital and here in Marion Manor. Praying for a quick recovery and back home in a couple weeks. My goal is to be back in church on Consecration Sunday. God bless all of you. Jeanette Mawer.

Thank You for the birthday cards, and wonderful wishes I received on my 91st birthday. God's blessings to you all, Norma Fanello.

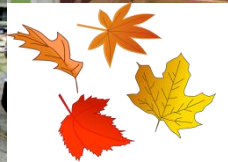


October is Pastor Appreciation Month and the perfect time to commit to praying for and encouraging our ministry team on a regular basis. God's word calls us to support clergy.

12But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; 13esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Church Family Happenings Since the Last Newsletter.....





A Message from Emanuel's Women of The Church -- taken from "Lessons for Today's Disciples" a resource of Women of the ELCA.

"Worshipping God Is A Mark Of Discipleship" based on John 4:19-26.

Worshipping God builds and strengthens a disciple's connection to and relationship with both God and the community of faith. Let's reflect on the importance of true worship. Sometimes true worship is confused with the habit of "going to church." There is also the popular belief that an individual can worship sufficiently alone. However, Jesus, the Son of God, made worship central in His life and ministry (Luke 4:16). Jesus' example makes any rationale or excuse for not coming to worship meaningless or self-serving. Worshipping God in community was a regular practice in the lives of Jesus' disciples. Read John 4:19-26. This story picks up in the middle of Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. After a rousing round of riddles about water, the conversation shifts to an even deeper subject—worship. The Samaritan woman brings it up in an attempt to change the subject and move the spotlight away from her, but Jesus tells her that "the hour is coming" when worshipping God will not be focused on a particular location but centered in the way in which we worship God, in spirit and truth. Worshipping God with a genuine and sincere heart is what is most important.

*Reflect on how the Holy Spirit inspires you to worship. Next, review verses 17-20. Think about the phrase "in spirit and truth." What happens when your deepest hurts or needs connect with worship? Just like the Samaritan woman, you may have strong beliefs about worship. What are some common worship practices in your congregation that may cause tension or bring healing? _____

Reflection: When it comes to worship, I need to work on ...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> praising God | <input type="checkbox"/> being open to other worship styles | <input type="checkbox"/> my worship comfort zone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> balance: personal and corporate worship | | <input type="checkbox"/> listening for God in worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> frequency of worship | <input type="checkbox"/> consistency of worship | <input type="checkbox"/> discernment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> focusing on God when in worship | | |

Remember that through worship we experience God's love and grow in appreciating the amazing gifts that God has given to us.

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**Thank You** to all who helped in any way with our Annual Luke 14 Dinner. This special event was filled with great food, laughter, and fellowship! ...Norma Ward

**Treasurer Judy Rider** would like to inform you that the "Thank Offering Envelopes" will be available for your donations in November. These gifts are to support Women of the ELCA with their benevolent projects around the USA and World.

**Mitten Tree:** Start saving those mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats for the Mitten Tree! It will be up and ready for your gifts on December 1. This is another project of Emanuel's Women of the Church.

**AW-FALL.....Share some laughs — or groans — with these autumn-themed jokes:**

- What did the tree say to autumn? "Leaf me alone!"
- What did one autumn leaf say to another? "I'm falling for you."
- How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.
- Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the fall they "let it go" and in the spring they "turn over a new leaf."
- How do leaves get from place to place? With autumn-mobiles.
- What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin pi.



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**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  
(Broadcast live on WMRN)

**Sunday School:**  
Adult Sunday School @ 9:15a.m.  
Children's Sunday School @ 9:15a.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

