

# The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

## Emanuel Lutheran Church

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### Back to School Blessings

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00p.m.

Mark your calendars for August 13<sup>th</sup>. Our church will be holding our first back to school event since COVID. The event will begin during church services with a bookbag blessing from Pastor Poole. Immediately following the 10:30 service, we will move outside and extend our blessings to the entire neighborhood. There will be food (hotdogs, chips, popcorn, sno cones), give-a-ways, games, Mpact, the fire department, the peanut butter and jelly truck will make an appearance and of course plenty of blessings for the upcoming school year (provided by our prayer warriors). We want to honor and bless all students, school staff members, and parents and start this school year off right.

**All are welcome! Invite your friends.**

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### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barbecue

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Who doesn't love a barbecue? The fellowship, anniversary, and communication and evangelism teams are hosting an event Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are still working on the particulars, but there will be something fun for everybody...food, church tours, card making and more. Get this on your calendar. You won't want to miss this event.

## Radical Hospitality

*Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

*Hebrew 13:1-2*

One of the major themes that runs throughout all of scripture; Old and New Testaments, is this command to show radical hospitality. One of my favorite passages of scripture is this one from Hebrews. We all may have stories of that “stranger” who appeared out of nowhere, engaged us in some way, and then disappears quickly. I am always caused to wonder if we are not entertaining angels. God promises to send angels – messengers – into our midst for a variety of purposes. We need to be open to these encounters.

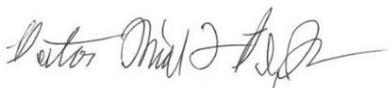
And so, God commands Radical Hospitality. We are to be open to everyone, welcoming to everyone, inviting everyone into our midst at every opportunity. Many times, we believe that it will be the “others” that are receiving, but many times we find, it is actually us who are on the receiving end of God’s grace and love in these moments.

So, when we are planning anything in our faith lives and ministries, there is no real need to ask, “Should we invite the community?,” “Should we invite the others?,” “Should we open this to everyone?” The answer will always be yes! When “others” arrive that we hadn’t planned for, we trust God and find ways to fully include them into our activities. We are not to put any exclusionary limits on what happens here. All are welcome.

At our Congregational meeting in January, we affirmed our Welcome Statement. We say that ALL ARE WELCOME here. We have to live that out. Living it out does not mean that we sit back and if someone shows up, we let them in. Living this Radical Hospitality out means actively showing it. We are commanded to actively go out and invite people to join us from wherever they may be. We are commanded to actively find new ways to minister to those in all our areas of ministry: local, regional, national, global. We are commanded to actively break all the barriers and ways we try to exclude people. We are commanded to show Radical Hospitality to those we do not agree with, to those whom we are the most different, to those who believe extremely different than ourselves, to those whom we do not want to be with or around, to those who we may even hate. This Radical Hospitality is living out our command to be reconciled, and to let mutual love and affection flow.

God, through the Holy Spirit, and the power of Christ shows us radical hospitality, is always welcoming to us, always inviting us, always opening God’s arms to us. We are commanded to show the same love and affection and radical hospitality to ALL.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

everyone is  
welcome

## You Know You Are a Steadfast Lutheran If....



- You know it isn't the real Creed unless you say Holy Ghost, descended to Hell and quick and the dead.
- You know that soft-covered hymnals are really just a song book.
- You secretly cross your fingers when we say "Holy catholic church"

**Dear Pastor Mike and the Members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee,**

**Thank you so much for your gracious invitation to participate in Emanuel's Anniversary celebration. I am definitely planning on attending the Anniversary Day of Sunday, September 8, 2024.**

**I would also be honored to preach on another Sunday that is available...we can work together to find a suitable date.**

**Thanks again for your special invitation.**

**Blessings and Peace.**

**In Christ,**

**Pastor Todd Milner  
Providence Lutheran Church  
Holland, Ohio**

## *Good News from Child Care!*

The child care was recently awarded an incentive grant for maintaining our 3 Star Step Up to Quality status!! Emanuel has been a 3 Star center since 2020 and after successfully completing our review in June; we are honored to be a 3 Star center for another year!

It's also worth mentioning that we earned a 5 in every category of our electronic review! (That's a perfect score!) I am so proud of our staff and the efforts they put forth to provide the best care possible to the children in our community. We are truly blessed with amazing teachers and families here at Emanuel!

## *Registration Pads in the Pews*

Beginning on August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will start using registration pads that are found in the pews instead of the little yellow sheets. The Red Pads may be found at the end of the pews. Simply sign the pad, note if you are taking communion, or leave a note. The pad is then passed along the pew. Continue to sign in on the same sheet regardless of which service. The sheets will then be collected after 10:30am worship service each week. Maybe you will see that someone attended worship the service before. One purpose is that we are able to learn the names of people who may be new to us when they sit down near us. It is also a way to practice good stewardship.

## Social Ministry News

To say that our yarn collection was a success is an understatement; our congregation and the Marion community through Stitch and Skein stepped up in a big way to donate yarn for the Oak Unit Creative Crochet Therapy Program at MCI. The final pick up of yarn last week looked like this: an entire pickup truck filled to the brim with only the driver's seat open. Thanks to all for participating in this ministry. Here are some pics from the day.



Coming in September is the main God's Work, Our Hands program. We have a number of past options to choose from as well as some new ways to serve others. Any option is a good way to involve friends and family to benefit our community. Won't you consider joining in this call to action.

Mark your calendar, December 2 is our next **Laundry Day**. We will again be looking for smiling faced volunteers to work at both Colonial Coin Laundry locations. Have a smile and want to help, the signup sheet will be available in the Gathering Space come November.

*Christmas is only 4 months away!*

While 4 months sounds like a long time, it'll go by in a flash. That's why the evangelism and communication team is already preparing for the Christmas open house. This year Aspire will host the event and we're excited to continue to be a part of this tour. If you want to be a part of the planning follow the bulletin announcements for dates and times or contact Dee Rinehart 740-215-0440. We want everyone involved - musicians, kids, daycare, worship...

*Musings from the Church Mouse...*

I'm hearin' a lot of talk about commandments around here. It led me to thinkin' how many commandments talk about taking care of the little animals hanging around?? I am pretty sure God would like to throw me some love, or throw down some lovely tastin' things. If you leave a little trail of crumbs, I'm pretty sure I won't be a little one that gets lost. I'll find ya'!

See ya' at worship!

*Church Mouse*

## Sunday School News

We had a great time in Sunday School this summer. We studied the story of God's creation and learned about temptation and that sneaky snake. We read about Jonah and the whale and decided you can never hide from God and how He forgives us when we ask him to. Daniel's faith in God saved him from the lions, he never doubted God and he prayed to him every day. We learned how a butterfly can represent transformation as we are transformed through faith.

We asked Pastor Mike to bless our pets - we blessed 9 dogs, 1 cat, 1 toad, 1 bird, and a pet chicken. We collected food and supplies for our Humane Society. We also collected stuffed animals for Turning Point.

**There is no Sunday School in August**, but please join us on August 13 for "Blessing the Bookbags" Our Sunday School class is responsible for the decorating of the bag tags and we need your help!

Sunday School resumes on September 10. Plan on staying after church to celebrate our anniversary. We'll have games, BBQ and lots of fun. Watch for more details about this in the next newsletter.

Also in September.....we begin our "Breaking Bread Together " monthly meals. Our first one is Wednesday, September 20 at 5PM to 7PM. This is open to everyone. Come eat and visit with your Emanuel family.

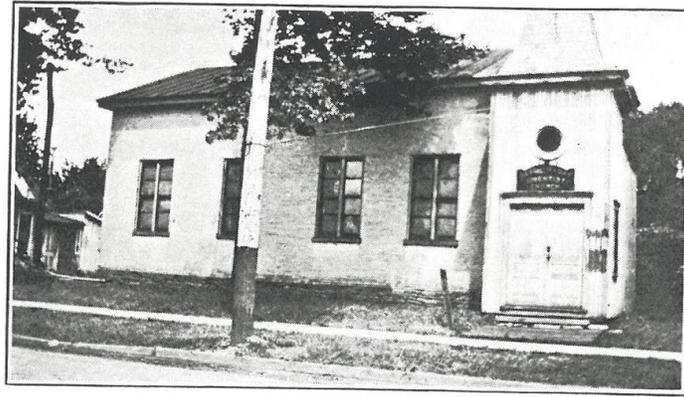


Photos from Sunday School & The Pet Blessing

## Looking Back with Alicia

### History of Emanuel Part 1

The Lutheran Church is one of the oldest churches in the city of Marion. A good portion of the first settlers that come here were German Lutherans. There was a brick Lutheran Church on North State Street that was built in 1843, donated by Eber Baker. It housed the Lutheran and Reformed churches. This was our first church building. Each church used the building on alternating Sundays. That was only 21 years after the founding of Marion by Eber Baker in 1822.



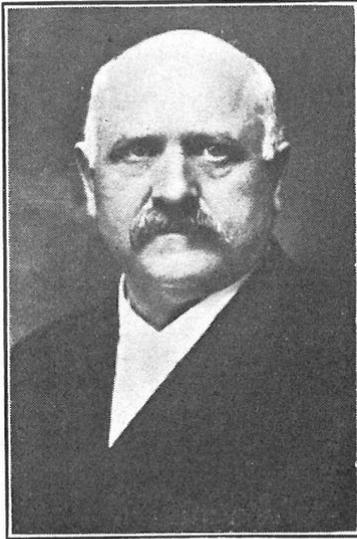
*Cradle of the Lutheran Church in Marion  
North State Street*

For a few years services were conducted by pastors from the Prospect, Ohio congregation, Reverends Humberger, Hoffman and Simon. Afterwards, it was united to the Marion County charge and was served by the Reverends Mueller, Sutter and Hecht.

The question of using the English language as opposed to German was a big issue in the church. There were also problems over the church allowing membership of both saloon owners and lodge members which were not consistent with the Word of God and the Confession of the Lutheran church. So at that time 5 heads of families withdrew from the old church and went on to organize a new congregation, our congregation. The five charter members of this new congregation were, Daniel Yake, John F. Lust, Philip Retterer, John Heinner and J. Pfeiffer. It was chartered by the legislature of the State of Ohio by the name, "The Evangelical Lutheran Emanuel's Congregation of Marion, Ohio" in 1874. "Evangelical" is the widest term and signifies a church that preaches the gospel. "Lutheran" is the faith which was held and taught by Martin Luther and "Emanuel's", meaning, "God with us" which signifies the faith of that little band of devout men and women who organized the congregation, and the hope that God would bless their efforts. A constitution was adopted in which Emanuel's Congregation pledged itself to the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the revealed Word of God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and the infallible authority, source, rule and guide in all matters of faith and life; and also interpretation of the faith set forth in the Holy Scriptures. Emanuel's constitution stated that the pastor in the congregation must be in synodical connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, so long as the synod remains faithful to the confessions and practice of the Lutheran Church.

During the first year the services were held in the basement of the Methodist church on the corner of Center and State Streets where the Cummin Memorial Building was later built. Then it moved to the United Brethren Church on South Prospect Street. Who would have ever dreamed back then that the little mission church, Emanuel's, would years later have the stately church that we have today just down the street.

In 1884 Reverend M.C. Hecht was called from the seminary in Columbus to become pastor of the Marion charge. This charge consisted of the Trinity congregation in Pleasant Township, the Saint Paul's in Richland Township, and the newer organized Emanuel in the village of Marion.



*Rev. M. C. Hecht  
Pastor 1884-1891*

It was during Rev. Hecht's time at Emanuel the congregation purchased a lot at the corner of State and Columbia Streets, and the building of a church was undertaken. The building committee was W. Harsch, John F. Lust, D. Yake, A. Leffler, and J. Pfeiffer. The cornerstone was laid August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1885 and on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1886 the church was dedicated. At the dedication services sermons were preached by Rev. George Mochel, D. Simon and Professor Th. Mees. Under Rev. Hecht the Sunday school was organized.

It was decided on December 9, 1889 to have Emanuel incorporated. We have the document of incorporation for Emanuel dated August 11, 1890. It is formally named on the document, Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation in the State of Ohio, County of Marion. It is signed by the Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas, Harry R. Young and Deputy Clerk, Charles Dee. Witnessed by J. S. Bell, Justice of the Peace. The official seal of the State of Ohio affixed on the document August 13, 1890 by David Ryan, Secretary of State. It is also signed by the elected trustees of Emanuel, John F. Lust, Andrew Leffler, Alpheus Stiffler, Daniel Yake and Jacob Retterer.

Incorporation of a church means Emanuel gains the same legal rights and responsibilities as an individual. It is an important shield of liability for our membership and church leaders. To be tax exempt the church must be formally organized.

Reverend Hecht served Emanuel from 1884-1891 when he was called to Saint Paul's congregation in Dayton, Ohio. Emanuel's then called Reverend A.L. Nicklas from the seminary.

With Rev. Nicklas the congregation continued to grow and it was decided that a lot be purchased on Cherry Street and a parsonage was erected. Under Rev. Nicklas' leadership Luther League was organized in 1893. He served Emanuel from 1891-1896.

Rev. Nicklas was called to Zion's Lutheran in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1896 and Emanuel called Rev. E.F.W. Stellhorn of West Alexandria Ohio to lead the church. Under Rev. Stellhorn the church building was remodeled, stained-glass windows were installed and a Sunday school room was added as well as a furnace and plumbing. The debts that the church had because of the church and parsonage were paid. The church was enjoying healthy growth.

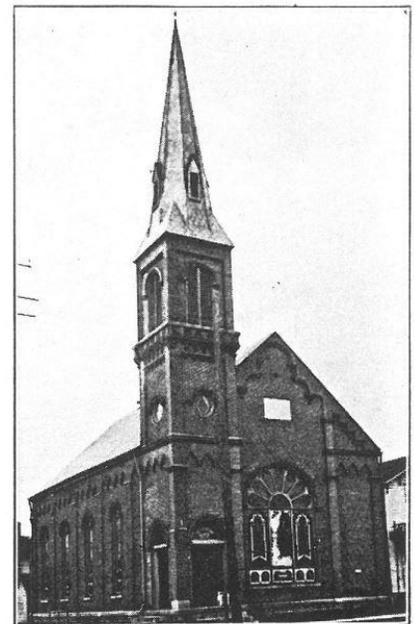
In 1909 Reverend Stellhorn followed a call to the Jerusalem congregation in Canton, Ohio and again Emanuel needed to extend a call. That call went to Reverend J.W. Schillinger, of Sandusky, Ohio. He accepted our call and on Advent Sunday in 1909 was installed as pastor of Emanuel's congregation.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1911, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the church building was celebrated with Rev. Hecht, Nicklas, and Stellhorn returning to preach on that joyous occasion.

Rev. Merton Baseler was the first young man of Emanuel that went to the seminary and became a pastor. He was ordained at Emanuel June 18, 1916.

After 57 years in the ministry Rev. Baseler retired. He and his wife, Anna Belle, came back to Marion, were members of Emanuel and lived out their years here. Rev. Baseler died February 21, 1978 at the age of 86.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914 the question of building a new, larger church was discussed. A committee was appointed to raise funds for the new project. A piece of land was purchased on the corner of Vine Street and Mount Vernon Avenue and in



*The Old Church  
State and Columbia Streets*

the following 2 years the cost of that land was paid. Then it became evident that the newly purchased land was not suitable for a church. It was then sold at a substantial profit and on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1916 the William Muntsinger property, No. 231 South Prospect Street was purchased at a cost of \$8,000. It was stated that the site was near the center of the congregation, center of the city, and not in the business section. The lot has a frontage of 79 feet on Prospect Street and a depth of 165 feet.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1916, the finance committee was appointed consisting of Rev. J.W. Schillinger, Jacob F. Lust, W.H. Schreffler and Harry L. Albrecht. A building committee was also appointed consisting of John F. Lust, G.A. Thibaut, Andrew Baldauf, Edward Evans and A.F. Fetter.

The architect that was hired was Mr. J.W.C. Corbusier, of Cleveland. On May 9, 1916 the plans and specifications presented by Mr. Corbusier were approved and accepted. The contract to build the church was given to John Baldauf, a member of Emanuel's congregation.

Next month I will continue Emanuel's story. Alicia



## *Ten Sons of Emanuel*

I would like to tell you about 10 of our young men over the past years that left Emanuel to go to seminary and became pastors that have since died. In the early years only men went to the seminary. These young men were known as "Sons of Emanuel" to our congregation. They all went to Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus and were ordained at Emanuel their home church.

Rev. Merton Baseler was the very first. That was when our church was at the corner of State and Columbia Sts. He was ordained at Emanuel in 1916. He retired and he and his wife, Anna Belle returned to Emanuel and lived out their years here. He died February 21, 1978 at the age of 86.

Rev. Rennix Van Scoy was ordained June 6, 1943. He died at the age of 90 in Toledo, Ohio March 1, 2007.

Rev. John H. Dennis was ordained June 18, 1950. He died at the age of 83 in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania September 19, 2008.

Rev. John D. O'Donnell was ordained November 6, 1955. I couldn't find any other information on him.

Rev. James L. Kennell was ordained June 19, 1960. He died in Canton, Ohio at the age of 85 on March 31, 2018.

Rev. Thomas E. Rehl was ordained June 19, 1960. He died February 12, 2007 at the age of 72 in Land O Lakes, Florida.

John S. Gast was ordained June 19, 1960. He died February 14, 1991 at the age of 64. He had a heart attack while conducting Ash Wednesday services at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Bucyrus, Ohio.

As you can see Emanuel had its first triple ordination on June 19, 1960 for James Kennell, Thomas Rehl and John Gast.

Rev. John Kerr was ordained June 13, 1965. He died February 1, 2021 at the age of 81 in Otsego, Minnesota.

Rev. Paul R. (Dick) Williams was ordained June 13, 1965. Rev. Williams wrote a book titled, "M.E. Is It True?" A biography/memoir of the life and ministry of Rev. Hollensen. I have a copy that I will display sometime during this anniversary year.

He was married to Jil, sister of Donna Marie Jones, Pastor J. Weston Jones wife.

Rev. Williams died June 15, 2015 at the age of 76 in Akron almost 50 years to the day of his ordination.

Rev. John (Jack) Maxim was ordained June 13, 1965. He died August 1, 2020 in Bangor, Maine at the age of 81.

As you can see again, June 13, 1965 was a second triple ordination at Emanuel for John Kerr, Dick Williams and Jack Maxim.

There is much more history to write about and display. Until next time. Alicia



Welcome to Our Monthly Music Notes!

*I'm late, I'm late for a very important date.  
No time to say hello, good-bye, I'm late, I'm late, I'm late!*

But I have an excuse, as July has been a whirlwind of activity! It's been hard to know one day from the next, as the days have all blended together. I'll admit that Music Notes were not in the forefront of my thoughts, as they had to take a back seat to music preparation and practicing. But now that activities have slowed, and I've finally had my nap, there's no further delay!

I don't always know for sure what I am going to write about in my Music Notes. Sometimes there is a special musical event or Sunday to promote, or an upcoming hymn to discuss. But this is mid-July in "Ordinary Time," so there's a bit of a musical "break" until Fall, when the choirs start back up and the church celebrations begin again as the close of the church year beckons. But the Spirit always points me in some direction, sometimes when I least expect it.

Every Sunday morning as I get ready for church, I listen to a radio show called Celtic Twilight. There is always a nice mix of traditional jigs & reels, along with seafaring and drinking songs and songs of lost love – lost in battle, at sea, or just star-crossed. The music is interesting yet soothing, and puts me in the right mood to make music of my own. Every now and then something special catches my ear. It could be virtuosic musicianship, clever songwriting, or just a beautiful song. But on a recent Sunday morning I heard a song that stopped me in my tracks, and brought tears to my eyes.

*"Neath the shadow, down the meadow, leaves lying on each side/By the river, flowers shiver, fading, dying in their pride/Someone straying, long delaying/Sad the parting down the lane/I must leave you, someone's saying/'Til the roses come again."*

The artist was the Irish vocalist Heidi Talbot, and the song was "When the Roses Come Again," written by A.P. Carter, and originally recorded by the Carter Family in 1933. On the surface, the subject matter of the song is pretty simple – two lovers parting, but making plans to reunite "when the roses come again." I'm not a scholar of A.P. Carter and the Carter Family, so I don't know if A.P. intended for there to be a deeper, spiritual layer to the song, but it touched my soul.

*"As I wander I will ponder on a happy by and by/On a summer over yonder with joy to you and I/Do not borrow grief or sorrow/In the hours that remain/We shall know a glad tomorrow when the roses come again."*

From ancient times, the rose has been a symbol of God at work. For Muslims, roses are symbols of the human soul, conveying the beauty of God, love, and piety. Hindus and Buddhists see roses as expressions of spiritual joy, divine and sacred beauty, and love. The red rose for Christians is a symbol of Christ's blood shed at the Crucifixion. The 15<sup>th</sup> century Advent hymn "Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming" depicts the Virgin Mary as a rose, and in a later English translation, Jesus himself. And of course, Martin Luther's seal, or the Luther Seal, which contains a white rose, is a common symbol of Lutheranism.

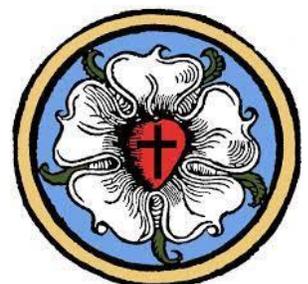
*"Sunshine over clover blossom on the meadow wide/Summer's fingers sweetly linger everywhere on every side/Someone's roaming in the gloaming, happy hearts that feel no pain/All their sadness turned to gladness, now the roses come again."*

Although outwardly this is not a "sacred" song or hymn, it is indeed a song of Hope, a song of Healing, and a song of a Joyful tomorrow.

I urge you to search the internet for Heidi Talbot's beautiful version of this song, as it is available on YouTube. May your Spirit be moved by the music you hear today, and every day.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside



HEAVY METAL By Batina Belfry



One Sunday morning I realized that there weren't as many people in church as usual---it's summer and many are on vacation. I decided one night to take one myself and flew out to the country to stop at the home of our bell choir director, Carolyn Fox. It was dark and quiet, so after some scouting around her rose gardens I found a way in and started exploring (okay, snooping).

I began in the one room's closet where she had her certificates from Radiologic Technology school in Lima and also one for Nuclear Medicine from Duke University. It looked like she was raised in Allen County. Eventually she became a mother to a son who is now living in the Philippines. So much for that room and on to the next that had a lot of music stuff for oboe and voice. No surprise there since I knew she screeched in the choir. But all that yarn! Looked like it would keep her busy for years.

So far, so good. The oddest things, however, were so many tranquility gardens all around, just like Pastor Mike has in his office, but not as fancy and a whole lot bigger. Was she THAT troubled?

Then I got that strange feeling I wasn't alone. Yes, she had come home and I had to bat-scream out of there. Panic set in when I couldn't find my passageway to the outside. Flying back and forth I saw I was being watched by CATS. Oh No! For a long time, I flew back and forth while she plotted my demise. I was getting so tired and started flying lower and lower until of the cats sprang up and batted (no pun intended) me down to the floor. Before she could pounce, I escaped into one room and hid under some papers. She was relentless and had me cornered. What was to become of me? Bat-flavored cat snack? The papers were slowly lifted and Carolyn gently scooped me up and took me outside. I zoomed home to Emanuel as fast as my wings could go, never to vacation again!

Grateful to God and Emanuel for my safety

Until next time,  
Batina Belfrey



Emanuel LGBT Fellowship Group



2023 Schedule

First Sunday Each Month At 6PM

August 6<sup>th</sup>

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

October 1<sup>st</sup>

November 5<sup>th</sup>

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

These will be a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (iced tea, lemonade, water & coffee) as well as table service will be provided. If you are LGBT or an ally, you are welcome to attend. Questions: email at [LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com](mailto:LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com), calling or texting 740-262-2655



The Quilters sent Bobb Davies off in style! Thank you for all you do for the Emanuel Quilters. You will be missed!



## Faith Journeys

Our book study this summer focuses on attempting to keep the commandments. During the summer and fall, we will journey through the Ten Commandments on Thursday evening worship. Join us to hear God’s Commandments in a new light. **On Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship, we will have a start-up meeting for this year’s Faith Journeys.** If you have youth that are looking at beginning the Confirmation process, please let Pastor Mike know, and plan on attending this Start-up meeting.

### Future Faith Journey Events:

Thursday Nights

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Series on the Ten Commandments

Start-Up meeting

## Journey Through the Bible Together

Pastor Mike has started a new Bible study on Sunday afternoons. We are taking time to read the entire Bible together, from Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover. It is interesting that the vast majority of Christians have not actually read the entire Bible once. This is the book that we confess to be the rule, source, guide, and norm of all that we think, say, and do. Maybe we should actually read it.

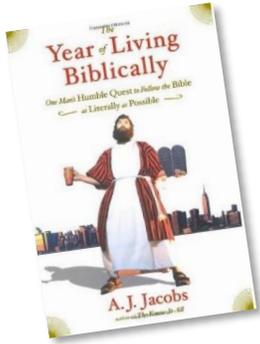
We began with Genesis and will take one to three weeks working through each book, depending on the discussion and conversation. Pastor Mike has notes and handouts to guide us through this journey. This has always been an enjoyable journey for Pastor Mike in all his congregations. We have about 18 people gathering for this study, but there is still more room for you to join us.

We meet on Sundays from 2p – 4p. We will meet most Sundays. You don’t have to be at every single week to get benefit from the study. We will let everyone know where we are in the Bible from week to week. So, join us when you are able. We are in Jeremiah, so if you would like to work your way through the Prophets now is the time to jump in!



### Pastor Poole’s Pins

Recently Steve Andrews and Scott Inskip traveled to Europe for vacation. When they returned, I received a gift of some Hard Rock Café pins from Europe. They are a wonderful addition to my collection, especially my Hard Rock pins from around the world! And they make excellent kilt pins. Thank you, Scott and Steve, for these beautiful pins.



## Book Study

The summer book study will be “The Year of Living Biblically – One Man’s Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible”, by A.J. Jacobs. A year or so ago, there was a television series (very short lived) that was based on this book. We will be starting up the first week of May, so go ahead and grab your copy of the book. We will have in-person gatherings on Thursdays at 11:30a and 5:30p. We will also have a virtual session on Sunday nights at 6:30p. If you would like the zoom link for the virtual session, send an email to Pastor Mike.



Ed Baldauf celebrates his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jean Dreyer celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on August 5<sup>th</sup>

Peggy Hall celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>

Norma Fanello celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 9<sup>th</sup>

**Let's remember Ed, Jean, Peggy and Norma with cards and prayers!**

The Hour of Prayer Group will meet Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. at Pleasant Park. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please contact Parish Deacon Ann with any questions.

Hour  
of Prayer



# >>> August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 8:00am. – Worship 9:15 - Worship 10:30 – Worship 6pm LGBT & Allies	31 6 – Communications 6:30 Fellowship Bd.	1 8:30 Quilters 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionaires	2 9:30 Bible Study 6pm Bd. of Education	3 11:30 Book Study 5:30 Book Study 7pm Worship	4 Fresh Food Distribution	5 Set-up for Backpack Blessing
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"Dear Lord, use my eyes to  
see new friends.

Open my ears to  
hear my teacher.

Open my mind to  
learn new things.

Let my heart  
remember YOU are near  
when I'm afraid.

Help me to  
love others like you do.

I want to  
shine your light so bright in my school."

Amen.

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