

The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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It's A New Day

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. -Luke 10:1-12

This passage in Luke is the sending out of the seventy. It's an exciting time for the followers of Jesus. Up till now, they have been watching Jesus do everything. Now Jesus sends them out to do everything that he has been doing. They are surprised they were able to accomplish all these things!

We have had a wonderful 150th year as we looked back at where we have been. We concluded with a fantastic anniversary celebration. Now it is time for a new day, the beginning of the next 150 years of ministry. This is a time for us to step out into ministry in a new and fresh way. This is time for us to explore new avenues of serving God's Kingdom, new approaches to reaching out to our community, new ways of doing what we have been doing.

Jesus' followers had a new perspective once they went out and did ministry themselves. God is calling us to have a new perspective as we move forward in our 151st year of ministry. It is an exciting time to be the church. The harvest of the mission fields of the world today is very plentiful. God expects us to step out and change the world. Jesus expects us to go out and be his hands, feet, face and voice to the mission fields. The Holy Spirit expects us to be inspired in new ways of service for the Kingdom.

Peace,



Pastor Mike

PD Ann's Corner

The day I am writing this is September 11. A story in the devotion I read today was about the responses of several people who were in the area of the tower attack on September 11. A young man started his first day of high school that was only a few blocks from the towers. The disaster struck in the first hour of classes and the young people were sent home. No subways or buses were running so the young teenager started walking home. He had gone a couple of miles when he saw his father coming toward him from the other direction. They embraced and the son said, "I knew you'd come."

Isaiah 43:1b-3 "Do not fear for I have redeemed you. I have summoned you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire you will not be burned: the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God the Holy one of Israel. Your savior." What a wonderful picture to know that when you are lost, or afraid or exhausted and you walk toward home, the Lord is already walking to meet you, give you a hug, turn around and walk beside you. How much easier it must have been for the father and the teenager, to walk home together. Isaiah 40:31 "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Blessings as you walk on your journey home knowing Jesus is walking with you.

Sunday School News

Please help our youth with their service project. We are collecting items to make Blessing Bags.

These Bags, once filled, will be kept in the family car and given to someone in need.....that person at a busy intersection or behind Applebee's. Jesus tells us to take care of one another and to love one another and what a great way to help as a family.

Items needed for Blessing Bags: gallon zip lock bags, toothbrushes and toothpaste, liquid soap, hand sanitizer, Combs or hair brushes, new wash cloths, feminine products, socks, granola bars or small packaged crackers, bottled water, gift cards or cash.

All items can be placed in box labeled Blessing Bags by the elevator.

We will assemble these bags at the end of the month. Hopefully each family will have a bag for their car and we'll have extra to share.

Early Learning Center Pie Sale!

We are excited to once again be selling GFS Pies and Cinnamon rolls for our Fall fundraiser! The sale will begin on Sunday October 13th. The order form will be in the gathering space through Sunday November 3rd. All orders (And Money) are due by Sunday November 3rd. Orders will be ready for Pick-up after 10am on Thursday November 21st in the first floor Hallway. All proceeds will be used for Playground Improvements!!! We appreciate your support!

What Can I Do? (from "Bread for the World" by Arthur Simon)

"Don't get discouraged. If you throw yourself into the cause with great enthusiasm but give up when you encounter obstacles or when the newness wears off, you won't help much. But if you stick to the monotonous tasks that have to be done, you can be a mover. Start small, if necessary, but stick to it."

The 150th Anniversary Committee would like to thank everyone in the congregation that helped along the way this past year.

We want to thank those who participated in the service on Anniversary Sunday. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin for leading the service and his wonderful sermon, the six visiting pastors, Jon Bull, Todd Milner, Henry Seibert, Kevin Kehn, Mark Schuring, and Jim Fogle. We also want to thank our own Pastor Mike Poole and Parish Deacon Ann Thomas.

Thank you to the visiting pastors that had the sermons during the Anniversary Year, Jill Rowland, Jon Bull, Tanyce Addison, Todd Milner, Mark Schuring, Jim Fogle, and Henry Seibert.

We want to thank all the musicians that contributed their musical talents for Anniversary Sunday and throughout our Anniversary Year. Thank you, Paul Burnside at the organ, Steve deWeber and Emanuel's choir, Teri Turner and the Praise Team, Carolyn Fox and the Handbell Choir.

Thank you to the members who donated to the Anniversary Fund. The first important accomplishment was to restore the Incorporation document of Emanuel currently displayed in the archive cabinet in the Gathering Space. It was also used for meals for the seven visiting pastors, the meal on Anniversary Sunday and monetary gifts for the visiting pastors. Money went toward updating the Martin Luther Room/Library, Gathering Space and Sanctuary. We want to thank Mike Phillips for doing the work in these areas of the church. Mike cleaned, painted, plastered and put new ceiling tile in the parlor. We want to thank everyone that helped prepare, serve, and cleanup for all the meals. Sue and her crew did an amazing job. Her crew served meals for seven visiting pastors and the Anniversary Sunday meal.

Thank you to Charlotte Emigh, granddaughter of June and Carl, for her wonderful artistic talent making the logo for the 150th Anniversary Year. Thank you to Ann Thomas, Mackenzie Pryor, Lori Campbell, Carol Hoch, Sherrie Haver, and William Obenour for the beautiful banners for Anniversary Sunday.

Thank you to the sound and video workers, Teri Turner, Dee and Darren Rinehart, and Carolyn Fox.

Thank you to Ashley and Stacy in the church office that were always helping with anything we asked, making copies, writing checks, making suggestions, etc.

Thank you to everyone that helped clean the sanctuary, chancel, and the balcony over the past few months to get ready for Anniversary Sunday.

A big thank you to the congregation that came to worship and showed their support during our Anniversary Year. Our theme will continue to be "Reflect, Renew, Rejoice," as Our Journey Continues.

The Anniversary Committee,
Linda Dixon, Sandy Needham, Sue Sours, Don Davis, Pastor Mike, and Alicia Mayes.





Thank you to the following people who volunteered to create a set of banners for the 150th Anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church: Lori Campbell, Carol Hoch, Sherrie haver, MacKinzie Pryor, William Obenauer and Ann Thomas.

Reflect Banner: Circle of Life- Colossians 2:7 “Keep your roots deep in him (Jesus) and have your lives built on him. Be strong in the faith just as your were taught and always be thankful.”

Reflect Banner: Hand Holding the World- Matthew 19 “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Review Banner: Starburst Cross- Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of god who loved me and gave Himself for me”.

Review Banner: Dove “John 14:26 “But when the Father sends the Counselor as my representative and by the Counselor, I mean the Holy Spirit, he will teach you everything and will remind you of every thought myself have told you”.

Rejoice Banner: Trumpet- Psalm 150 “Praise him with a blast of the trumpet, praise him with the lyre and harp”.

Rejoice Banner: Angel- Revelation 7:11-12 “And all the angels were standing round about the throne and about the elders and the four living creatures; they fell before the throne on their faces and worshipped God saying; Amen! Blessing and Glory and Wisdom and Thanksgiving and Honor”.



Stewardship Sunday is almost upon us!

Mark your calendars! This year our annual Stewardship Sunday will be held on October 27th. In the next few weeks, the finance board will be mailing out pledge cards for you to return on or before 10/27. Please take this time to prayerfully consider what your 2025 offering commitment might look like. Thank you all for your continued generous gifts!!

Musings from the Church Mouse...

Holy Moly, Sweet Guacamole! Was that a party! It was so exciting to see everyone here for the anniversary! The sanctuary was full! You could feel the excitement! And that lunch was delicious! I almost invited all my mouse friends over cuz there was so much. I can't wait to see what happens next!

I hope to See ya' at worship!

Church Mouse



You Know You Are a Steadfast Lutheran If...

... The most mail you receive is during the stewardship program. (Speaking of which... be on the lookout!)

... Doughnuts are in the church budget.

The members who attended Thursday night worship service shared a meal together on their last Thursday night worship service on September 5, 2024. Pictured above are: Pastor Mike, Ken and Maureen Cole, Kevin McKinney, Sandy Becker, Rick and Sharon Haver, Daryl Kraner, David and Stephanie Cook, Rozella Wilkes, Parish Deacon Ann, and Janice Stewart

Pastor Poole's Pins



This pin was awarded to Pastor Poole when we completed the Crossways Bible Study Instructor Program. The Crossways logo is Christ kneeling, washing feet. It is a symbol of service. We are constantly reminded that we are called to serve God's Kingdom first and only. We are called to kneel before the Lord, remembering our place in the system. And we are called to be servants of all, willing to complete any task that proclaims the good news and sets others free.

Faith Journeys

Our Faith Journeys program continues. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, October 20th at 12noon. We will be focusing on Baptism. Remember that Faith Journey gatherings are not just open to confirmation students, but also includes parents, congregational leaders and all members, visitors and guest who might be interested to continue their own Faith Journeys.

Social Ministry Updates

Our 25th Thanks and Giving Day plans are in the works. If you would like to be part of the planning process, we will be meeting in mid-October to discuss our progress. Watch the weekly bulletin for date and times.



God's Work Our Hands project board will be available in the Gathering Space through the month of October. Come and pick out a project you can do individually as a group with family or friends.

After you pick out a project, you will sign it out and receive a project sheet to guide you about the needs that agency. You will then deliver your project per the instructions. Projects range from Aspire Diaper projects to Veterans Services Blessing Bags. There are 10 different projects to choose from.

Members of the Social Ministry Board will be in the Gathering Space to assist you after each service.

Emanuel Lutheran Church is also a dropoff location for the Aspire Shoe Drive Fundraiser. If you have gently used or new shoes you would like to donate, please place them in the bins by the elevator.



News from the Board of Communications & Evangelism

Nativity This year the social ministry team with the evangelism team will be using nativity sets to highlight homelessness. During the All is Bright open house event we plan on displaying nativity sets and collecting money for the homeless. Each nativity will be displayed and people can vote on their favorite with a small monetary donation. The money collected will go to the homeless shelter and Turning Point. Do you have a special nativity that you would like to share with our All is Bright guests? More information to follow on how you and your family can participate.

Card Ministry Do you know someone who may need a pick-me-up? Send them a card. Cards are available in the Martin Luther room (library). Take as many as you want. Thanksgiving and Christmas cards will soon be available. The evangelism team wants to thank all who donate cards.

Pirate Potluck & Worship

About 40 people attended the Pirate Potluck and Worship service on International Talk Like a Pirate Day! We enjoyed great food, games, and fellowship. All in favor of Pirate Worship next year, say Aye-Aye Mateys!





Welcome to this month's Music Notes

Wow! You are Awesome, Emanuel! What an amazing celebration of our church's anniversary we had on September 8th! It was an inspiring service, as we looked back on our 150 year history, while looking forward to the possibilities of the next 150 years. It was an honor to be a part of this service, and many months were spent working on what I hoped would be uplifting and appropriate music. As an organist, there is not much better than a full sanctuary, with so many voices singing praise to the Lord!

Thank You to all of our music directors, and all those who participated in one or more music ensembles. And a special Thank You to the "guest" musicians who joined us in the choir and choir accompaniment ensemble. Your contributions helped make the service a success.

Like many people, I look forward to October and to the onset of Autumn. Although Fall begins a week or so before October comes, it doesn't seem to actually arrive until the days and nights become cooler, foretelling the colder days ahead.

As a church musician, for me the coming of October brings a time to reflect on the earliest American hymns, as October serves as a kind of "Prelude" to the coming harvest and Thanksgiving, perhaps the quintessential American holiday. I remember one Saturday morning in high school being awakened by eerie, haunting sounds emanating from our downstairs stereo. What was this unearthly, intriguing, noise? My father was listening to a recording of shape note hymn singing, which I had not heard before. It is a sound like no other, primeval but beautiful, simple but complex.

Shape note singing originated in Colonial New England, as a way to teach hymns to congregations without formal music training, and became particularly popular in the American South. Each musical pitch was given its own shape that matched up with the *solfege* syllables (Fa, Sol, La, Mi) with which the notes of the musical scale are sung. The singing is unaccompanied, usually in 3 part, later in 4 part, harmony. It is still enthusiastically practiced today.

There are quite a few hymns in the ELW from the shape note songbooks, such as The Sacred Harp, Kentucky Harmony, and Southern Harmony. One that I would like to highlight is Amazing Grace. Although the hymn was originally published in Great Britain in 1779, it was not published with the familiar tune "New Britain" until the 1835 publication of William Walker's Southern Harmony. The first 4 verses are those that are familiar to us. However, there are 2 additional verses that are not included in the ELW. These verses add a fitting ending to the hymn, one of hope and salvation.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

Until next time,
Soli Deo Gloria!
Paul Burnside

8 NEW BRITAIN. C. M. Baptist Harmony, p. 123.

1 Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound) That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved: How precious did that grace ap - pear, The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, A life of joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine; But God, who call'd me here below, Will be forever mine.

Steeple Sighting



Pant, gasp, gasp, pant. Just got back from the gym. Those humans have plum wore me out just watching them. Why would this little ol' bat go there? I was following up on a rumor that a Praise Band member occasionally visited such an establishment. Lo and behold, rumors are sometimes really true, since I located Pastor Mark Schuring gingerly working out. Aha! An interview in the making. He graciously let me literally hang out with him. At least my itty-bitty weight didn't affect his efforts.

Pastor Mark was born in Middletown, OH and raised in Centerville. In high school he took part in show choir, football (offensive tackle), basketball, tennis, and guitar.

After high school he attended Miami University in Ohio, graduating with a BS in education. He then went on to study at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University leaving with a Masters in Divinity degree. While in Pennsylvania, he met Diane and they were married in 1990. They settled in Marion County so he could be closer to his parents in Centerville, yet still remaining in the Northwest Synod. While serving

Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasant Township, he was invited to Emanuel as an assistant to Pastor Wes Jones where he remained after the retirement of Pastor Jones. He remained there until his retirement in 2021.

Fortunately for everyone, he received special permission to play in the Praise Band, since retired pastors are discouraged from attending their former parish. Just as the Praise Band has benefitted from his participation, so also has he reaped rewards himself above the fellowship experience. He teaches guitar and being in the Praise Band demands more diligent practicing. Yep, teachers must practice, too!

Pastor Mark is the father of 2 children, keeps himself busy providing supply pulpit coverage to other groups and camping with Diane and Lola, their miniature German Shepherd. Sports interests include the Pittsburgh Steelers, basketball, baseball, and rooting for the Ohio State and Miami football teams.

Hearing about all those sports while watching his workout session, it's a wonder that I barely made it back home to my steeple without crashing down from the sky out of sheer exhaustion. Sleep is guaranteed to come swiftly.

YAWN

God's Blessings to all,
Batina Belfry

Book Study

Bishop Daniel has stated 2024 will be the Year of Rest. To join in this process we worked through "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly – Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, Feasting" by Marva J. Dawn. This book is more about living a holistic spiritual life, and goes far beyond just keeping Sabbath. We learned quite a bit about what Sabbath keeping is truly about. We also learned how to live a Sabbath life everyday. We will begin a new book after the first of the year. Stay tuned for more information.

HAPPY
Birthday

Happy Birthday to Frank Fanello! Frank celebrates his 97th birthday on October 24th.
Let's remember Frank with our cards and prayers!
(contact church office for addresses)

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The celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our church is over and the memories will live forever. It was so exciting to see the young kids who grew up at Emanuel, who have become pastors, returning to provide the sermon during our year of celebration. A joy as well to see our former pastors join us. One memory from many, many years ago was the birth of our son Shannon. A possible birth issue provided a very nervous time for the future parents. A calm came over us a Jean Yake was the nurse that was working that day in the delivery. In the adjoining delivery room were John and Linda Hoch, waiting for their daughter Stacy to come into the world. Pastor Henry Seibert come in the late afternoon to provide a prayer and a smile to us. That was 47 years ago.

Emanuel Lutheran Church has been a blessing for all of us over the years with memories and friendships that last forever. In good times and maybe not so good times, the church can provide us with love, strength, support, and guidance.

We live and strive to serve our Lord and Savior each day.

Thank you to the Emanuel Lutheran Church Family.

Don Davis, President of the Congregation

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