

# The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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**Please note, through the end of the year, we have a few worship schedule changes. See below:**

**Thursday, September 7** – No Worship due to Popcorn Festival

**Sunday, September 10** – Only ONE Worship service at 10:30a.m. Followed by the church BBQ.

**Sunday, October 1** – Only ONE Worship service at 10:30a.m. This is our Stewardship event, followed by catered breakfast.

**Sunday, December 3** – Only ONE Worship service at 10:30a.m. This will be the Sunday School Christmas Program, followed by a meal.

*See You in Worship!*

## We Are Commanded to Be Good Stewards

*God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

*Genesis 1:28-31*

In the very first chapter of the Bible, God gives us the task of caring for all of creation. This is the beginning of humanity's stewardship of everything God has made and given to humanity. At the end of creation, God looks at everything and sees that it is very good.

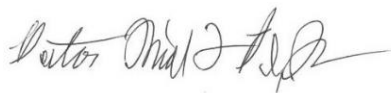
As God's faithful children, we are called to be stewards. So often, we believe that stewardship is just about how much money we give to the church. That is actually a very small portion of stewardship. Stewardship is not really what we do, but it is a way of life. It is asking ourselves how everything we say and do affects all of creation. When we ask, "What is best for God's Kingdom?" we are participating in stewardship. When we ask ourselves how everyone and everything is affected by what we say and do, we are participating in stewardship. Being good stewards means we consider God's creation and God's Kingdom in everything.

This fall, we will be looking at our stewardship here at Emanuel. The Board of Finance has written our own stewardship program this year. The next three Sundays after our 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we will have a focus on Stewardship, using the theme of our Anniversary Year. On Sunday 9/17 we will Reflect, on Sunday 9/24 we will Renew, and then on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will gather for one worship service at 10:30am to Rejoice in our stewardship here at Emanuel.

Beginning Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be working through a stewardship book for Book Study. We will be engaging "Giving to God – The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life" by Mark Allan Powell.

Let us take this fall to kick off our 150<sup>th</sup> Year by evaluating our stewardship of God's Kingdom.

Peace,



Pastor Mike



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



- You secretly admire the bravery of Catholics who can admit their sins out loud to another person.
- You can't figure out why they changed the Lord's Prayer from "trespasses" to "debts" or "sins".
- You are pretty sure you know which people in the congregation have fallen prey to one of the Seven Deadly Sins.

## Feeling empty

Then because so many people were coming and going that they (the disciples) did not even have a chance to eat, he (Jesus) said to them: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31

When the comfort Quilters meet the first three Tuesdays of the month, I help sew the border around the finished quilts. At least once each time, I sew an entire seam on one side and realize it is not holding. Either the top thread has broken or the bobbin is empty. You may wonder what a bobbin is and why it is necessary. The thread from the bobbin loops with the thread from the main spool to secure the stitches in place.

Have you ever felt that your life is unraveling and nothing is sticking? All your efforts are in vain and nothing you do is staying strong. You have to stop and check your bobbin and check to see the top thread has been threaded thru the machine correctly. Have you given so much of yourself that you have become empty? Did you forget to replace what has run out? Did you skip a step in the process? If the answer is yes, you need to pause and rewind or pause and head in the right direction. You need to replenish, refill, restock and rethread. Spend time with Jesus. Read scripture. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Listen, rest, and wait. Ask someone to pray with you as you get refreshed. Make a list of the ways you can rewind with Jesus and then try one of them today.

Parish Deacon Ann



## Musings from the Church Mouse...

I've been listening to some talk about something called "stewardship." I heard someone say that stewardship involved taking care of all the animals. And I saw Pastor Poole blessing some animals. I was gonna come outside, but there were a lot of people, and that scared me. But I am very happy that I see all of you caring about the animals, including me!

See ya' at worship!

Church Mouse

## Social Ministry News...

In America, 37 million people, including 1 in 6 children, live at or below the poverty line.

**C.O.P.E.** (Cost of Poverty Experience) is an interactive simulation that highlights the lived realities and human impact of poverty firsthand through the eyes of real families. The experiential nature of this training helps organizations and communities more deeply understand the human and systemic impacts of poverty.

Created with the input of individuals with personal experience in poverty, C.O.P.E. sheds light on these challenges and catalyzes meaningful dialogue and action. This experience challenges participants to rethink poverty, respond effectively, and partner with those affected for change.

Aspire Ministries is hosting a **C.O.P.E Poverty Simulation** on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon at Cornerstone Alliance Church. The program is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register contact Aspire Ministries at (740) 751-6554.

Join us for this year's **God's Work, Our Hands** packet of projects that runs from September 10 through the month of October. Gather friends, family or choose a project for yourself. We have lots of ideas to choose from, some are new, some are repeats, but there is bound to be one that speaks to you. Projects will be available to select in the Gathering Space beginning September 17. Members of the Board of Social Ministry will be on hand to answer questions and get you signed up. Come join the fun, complete your project on your own schedule and don't miss out on an opportunity to serve others.

Recipes are needed for the **Fresh Food Distribution**. October items are winter squash and peas. Send your recipes to Barb Russo at [russofarm3@gmail.com](mailto:russofarm3@gmail.com) or place them in the Social Ministry mailbox found in the Martin Luther Room by September 25. Remember you can also send a photo of your recipe too. Thanks for supporting this mission to help our neighbors utilize the fresh food they have been given.

**Medical Assistive Device Gap Ministry**, (we are working on something better that isn't such a mouthful to say), is a program we are working on with Aspire Ministries and Epworth United Methodist to help those in the community without access or ability to pay for things like crutches, walkers and canes. There are a number of ways to get involved, but right now we need help in the next few months to inventory and clean up the items we currently have on hand. If you have some time and want to help with this ministry, send an email to Barb Russo at [russofarm3@gmail.com](mailto:russofarm3@gmail.com) or contact the church office and leave your name along with contact information.



### Pastor Poole's Pins

Pastor Mike has a few pins from the ministries he has worked with. Faith In Action of the River Cities is a ministry in the Huntington WV community that works with homebound elderly individuals. FIA provides non-medical assistance for those who need a little extra help. Pastor Mike served on their Executive Board from 2005-2007. He was the Secretary in 2007 and Treasurer in 2007. Pastor Mike has worked with Lutheran Social Services of Central and Southern Ohio for many years, focusing on their hunger ministries. And while serving in the Southern Ohio Synod, Pastor Mike was involved in many Synod Committees, as well as the Synod Representative to several wider-church ministries.

## Breaking Bread Together

Acts 2:42. *They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teachings and to fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to prayer.*

Please join us for an evening meal to visit with one another, maybe get to know another member, meet some of our Daycare families, play or craft with our children, get out of house, don't cook and have a hot meal. All are welcome.

**This NEW MONTHLY EVENT begins.....Wednesday September 20 in the Parlor.** Serving begins at 5 PM and ends at 7 PM. The Board of Education is planning the first meal. On the menu is tail gate food...hot dogs with all the trimmings, mac and cheese, cole slaw and other tailgate treats. We're kicking off fall and football....wear your favorite team colors or jerseys!!! We've got buckeyes ( thank you Sue Rakow) and we're making necklaces!!!

**Future BREAKING BREAD dates:    October 25, November 15, December 20**

We are asking for volunteers or boards to host and cook for BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER each month. Please call Cindy Rinker if interested.

## Trip to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering



We are planning on taking a group of youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024. We have had an initial meeting. The group has several ideas for raising funds for the trip. We are also looking forward to getting together to do some group building prior to the trip. We are exploring the possibility of joining with the other congregations in the area.

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## Looking Back with Alicia



*John Baldauf  
Contractor and Builder*

As I ended the first part of Emanuel's history last month the plans and specifications were approved and accepted for building our present church building on May 9, 1916. Mr. John Baldauf was awarded the contract to build the church.

September 6, 1916 the work of excavating was started. On Sunday, May 13, 1917 at 3PM the cornerstone was laid. Rev. R. E. Golladay, D.D. of Columbus, preached the sermon and Revs. S.H. Mollenauer, J.J. Allwardt and L.H. Hurrelbrink assisted in the service.

The work on construction of the new church was slow. The bitter, cold winter of 1917-18 caused long delays. Our nation was in the midst of WW1 and it made it almost impossible to obtain shipments of material. Labor was very scarce and very high priced. Finally, after many labors, trials, discouragements and temptations, God in the richness of His grace answered the prayers of the church and our beautiful house of worship stood completed. After two years and two days it was ready to be dedicated to the service of the Triune God.

Following the ancient custom of the church, the general architectural plan is in the form of the cross. The nave of the church (main part of the church) forms the body of the cross, the chancel its head (area around the altar), and the two transepts (hand bell and area before Gathering Space) the two arms. The cross, this true symbol of the Christian faith, appears also a number of times on the church and its furnishings.

The architecture of the church is of the pure Gothic type. The distinctive features of the Gothic are the elimination of all dead weight, an upward striving, a thrusting and a concentration of thrusts. These features can be seen especially in the buttressed walls and towers, the pillars, vaulted ceiling of the chancel and the suspended trusses supporting the ceiling of the nave.

As you approach the church, your attention is first attracted by deeply recessed front entrance, elaborately carved of limestone and surmounted by turrets. Each of the massive doors shows a cross in its panels.

The church is built of fire-clay brick; the surface is known as the fern leaf texture. There are three mingled shades of dark brown. This makes a truly beautiful contrast with the cut Bedford limestone trimming, which gives the building life.

All fads and novelties and meaningless features so evident in modern church buildings are eliminated and the building is constructed along lines which are strictly ecclesiastical, historical, and symbolical of the various parts of God's great plan

of salvation. The building is of such a character that every person entering it must feel immediately: "This is a house of worship." The dimensions of the church are 67 x 121 feet. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 800. The chancel measures 24 x 24 feet. The choir and organ occupy the space to the left of the chancel. There is a large balcony over the narthex. The narthex is paved with tile and separated from the auditorium by the narthex screen of antique glass. The floor and woodwork of the auditorium are of oak. The basement is used for Sunday school and social purposes. It has a seating capacity of 600.

The windows in the auditorium are all imported, antique glass and they are done in the old technique of 13<sup>th</sup> century style. The three chancel windows represent the three offices of the Savior, Prophet, High Priest and King. The large window over the front entrance represents the history of the Reformation. The remainder of the windows are geometrical designs in what is known as the Grisell pattern. All windows are set in natural stone tracery. The furniture of the auditorium and chancel is built of selected, quarter sawed white oak, elaborately carved in designs true to the Gothic period. Special pains were taken to make the altar an object of beauty. Its elegant ornamentation fittingly symbolizes the purpose which it serves in the sanctuary. All the furniture is finished in a greyish golden oak.

The church was originally equipped with a pastor's study, library room, kitchen, furnace room and with all equipment necessary to make it a thoroughly modern building. The total cost was \$73,664.92.

A week of celebration was held for the new church dedication. On Sunday morning, September 8, 1918 at 9:30 AM the congregation assembled in the old church on S. State St. for a farewell service. The sermon was preached by Rev. M.C. Hecht who had dedicated that church just 32 years previously. It was not without some tears that they departed from the old church. That old building was dear to their hearts; for it had been the scene of many spiritual blessings to them.

After the farewell service the congregation marched in procession to the new church. It was an ideal autumn day with not a cloud in the sky. No gasoline was allowed to be used on Sundays during the war and it made the day seem doubly sacred because of its quietness.

<b>This is an itemized statement of the cost of Emanuel's church property:</b>	
The site	\$8,000.00
Court expenses	28.15
Architect's fees	2,816.85
General contract	42,973.72
Heating plant	3,025.00
Plumbing	1,017.29
Electric wiring and supplies	859.77
Hardware	605.15
Lighting fixtures	830.50
Windows	4,120.49
Iron down spouts	114.00
Pews	1,915.00
Chancel furniture	1,750.75
Altar decorations	135.00
Organ	3,250.00
Carpet	403.41
Tile in Narthex and mantles	168.75
Stone walks	222.16
Electric lamps	79.92
For moving bell	34.25
Furnishings for basement	580.44
Linoleum	62.15
Oak flooring	80.00
Sundries (miscellaneous items)	542.27
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<b>Total cost of the new property</b>	<b>\$73,664.92</b>

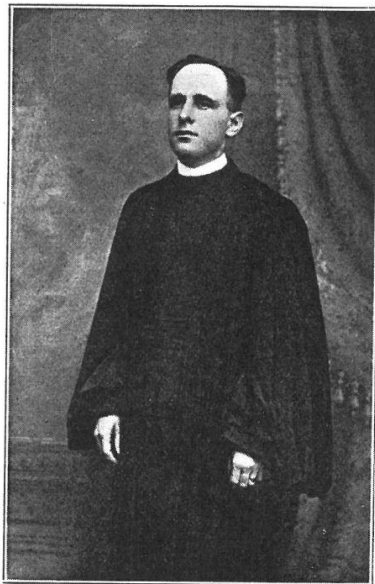
Arriving at the door of the new church, the congregation sang, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty," and then they marched into the new Sanctuary repeating the 122<sup>nd</sup> Psalm. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. A.L. Nicklas. Choir member's anthem was "Sanctus" (Latin for Holy a hymn of adoration and praise). Mrs. George Turner sang a solo "I Will Extol Thee." The dedication offering, raised without any "pressure methods," was over \$4,000.00.

On Sunday evening, Rev. O.A. Bertram conducted the altar service. Good Hope's choir of Bucyrus, Ohio furnished the music. Rev. L.H. Schuh, Ph. D. of Toledo preached the sermon.



*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

On Monday evening Rev. J.J. Allwardt conducted the altar service. Peace Lutheran choir, of Galion, furnished the music. Rev. S. Schillinger, of West Alexandria, Ohio, preached the sermon. This service was of a patriotic nature.



*Rev. J. W. Schillinger  
The Present Pastor*

On Tuesday evening, Rev. M.L. Mohrhoff conducted the altar service. Trinity Lutheran choir of Crestline, furnished the music. Professor K. Hemmonghaus preached the sermon.

On Wednesday evening Rev. S.H. Mollenauer conducted the altar service, and Rev. Merton L. Baseler preached the sermon.

On Thursday evening, Rev. Paul F. Ebert conducted the altar service, and President O. Mees, D.D., preached the sermon.

On Friday evening, Professor Frederick C. Mayer rendered an inaugural organ recital. On Sunday morning, September 15<sup>th</sup>, the congregation celebrated Holy Communion; and the entire dedication festivities were concluded with a children's program on that Sunday evening.

A tinge of sadness pervaded all of the festivities for the fact that at that time twenty-one of the sons of Emanuel's congregation were engaged in WW1. On the very day that the church was dedicated the majority of these sailed from New York for the European battlefields. The charge of disloyalty was sometimes raised against Emanuel's church during the war. This arose from the fact that at that time a portion of her services were still conducted in the German language. Nothing however could have been falser than

such a charge. Not a disloyal word was ever uttered in Emanuel's church. She cheerfully gave her sons to fight the nations' battles and no soldiers were braver or more loyal than these.

When the new church was dedicated, the debt resting on the congregation amounted to \$40,000.00. Over against this heavy liability there was a strong asset and that was the universal harmony and good will which prevailed among Emanuel's members.

In the course of a few months the Columbia Street church was sold to the Pentecostal Nazarene congregation for the sum of \$6,000.00 and this amount was applied on the debt. As a matter of sentiment, they were glad to see the church fall into the hands of a devout Christian people, to be used as a house of worship.

The balance of the debt was then taken care of by loans made by members of the congregation at 5% interest. The financial plan adopted by the congregation provided for a steady flow of money into the church building fund and a constant reduction of the debt. In the meantime, the annual dedication anniversary offering covered the interest. On January 1, 1924, the treasurer was able to announce that the debt had been reduced to \$9,932.00. Should the reducing of the debt continue at the present rate, it will require but two more years to wipe out the debt completely.

More history to come,  
Alicia

## Sons of Emanuel – Rev. Peter Zieg

Rev. Peter Zieg grew up in Marion and he and his family were members of Emanuel. Some of you might remember his parents, Lucylle and Merle Zieg.

Pete went to Trinity Seminary in Columbus and was ordained at Emanuel June 15, 1969.

His first call was to First Lutheran Church of Gray Manor in Baltimore, Maryland from 1969-1975. He then went to Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Kissimmee, Florida from 1975 until his retirement in 2004.

Rev. Zieg is a friend of Pastor J. Weston Jones, our former senior pastor that retired from Emanuel in 2009, and they were roommates one semester while at Capital University and Trinity Seminary. Rev. Zieg served on the Board of Trustees at Capital University for about 20 years.

He is married to Judy; she retired as a public Middle School Principal in 2007. At one point Judy was asked to serve as interim Principal at their former church, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, an assignment that lasted three years during which they were able to renew their official accreditation in Kissimmee. That is where Rev. Zieg was pastor for over 28 years. At the same time, he was designated “Pastor Emeritus” at Trinity and they resumed their participation in the life of the congregation.

Rev. Zieg and Judy have 2 sons, Mark and Scott and 2 grandchildren.

He became a Chaplain for the Kissimmee Fire Department in 1990 and served until recently.

Early in their retirement he and Judy enjoyed a couple of major international travel adventures a year. Many of them were with 3 other couples that were in their classes at Capital University. One of the couples is Denny Hacker and his wife, Karen. Denny was also a member of Emanuel that went to seminary and was ordained at Emanuel.

Rev. Zieg served some short “Interim Pastor” assignments in the Orlando area, those were all good experiences, he said. He served on a couple of local community boards (hospital, senior housing, etc.) and was doing a funeral or two monthly at a local funeral home.

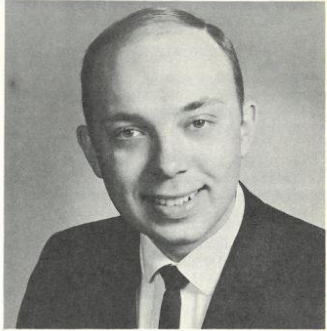
The last couple of years he and Judy have spent a lot of time dealing with medical issues, not unusual for their age, he said. He is 80 and Judy is 78. This year Judy had an emergency pacemaker implantation while they were returning from a family funeral in Ohio. He was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and MDS, two forms of blood cancer.

In spite of the health issues, he and Judy are planning an Antarctic cruise with Denny Hacker and Wes and Donna Marie Jones in January.

I have talked with Judy and Pete several times when they would come to visit his mother, Lucylle, when she lived at Kingston. We have also exchanged emails. I wish them both peace and God’s blessings with their life and health issues.

Until next time, Alicia

*THE ORDINATION*  
*Into the Holy Christian Ministry*  
*of*



The Rev. Peter J. Zieg

The Rev. George A. Hartman, the Preacher  
The Rev. M. E. Hollensen, the Ordainer  
The Rev. M. L. Baseler, the Lector

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MARION, OHIO  
June 15, 1969



### Emanuel LGBT Fellowship Group

2023 Schedule: First Sunday Each Month At 6PM

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



## Back to School Blessings (Thank You)

I want to thank each and every one of the church members who participated in the “Back to School Blessings” event. These are some of the ways that people helped:

- Organized portions of the event
- Went to meetings and participated with ideas and suggestions
- Donated money and needed items
- Showed up on the day of the event to help in some way
- Made phone calls to organizations to gain their support
- Shopped for needed items

This event could not and would not have happened if it wasn't for this group of people. Again, my heartfelt thank you.

Dee Rinehart  
Communication and Evangelism



**Bobb Davies celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Joan Coutts celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Contact the church office for addresses if you would like to send a card.



September 10th is going to be a day of fellowship, fun, and learning. Immediately following church services the anniversary committee, Sunday school committee, fellowship committee, and the evangelism committee are sponsoring a barbecue extravaganza.

- A meal of hotdogs, hamburgers, and picnic food will be served in the Parlors. Join us for food and fellowship.
- Next, there will be three activities you can be a part of:
  - Anniversary tours of the building
  - Sunday school is going to have a banner making contest for all ages to kick off the next school year.
  - Evangelism will be helping members make cards (multiple difficulty levels!) that will be given to visitors.

You can join one activity or all of them. You don't want to miss this event, so mark your calendar today.

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## Christmas is only 4 months away!

We are gearing up for the Marion Church Open House. This year it is sponsored by Aspire. A mighty group of church members have been meeting to work out all the details. Here are some ways you can be a part of this event.

- Make ornaments (to be given away as gifts)
- Help create posters/displays to represent various aspects of the church
- Prepare good treats to eat
- Set-up/tear down the event
- Help host the event and be present the night of the event
- Come to meetings and give your input
- Help with musical performances
- Send up prayers that will help our efforts be pleasing to God

We want this event to represent ALL aspects of Emanuel. How can YOUR group participate? Contact Dee Rinehart or anyone else on the Communication and Evangelism Team. (Janet Musser, Laurie Wise, Brian Barger, Daryl Kraner)

Communion and Evangelism

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## Emanuel Congregational Birthday Party

**Save the date – Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm**

Some of you may remember attending this fun birthday celebration. It was an annual event before COVID, and we want you to participate this year as we remember each of your birth dates. We will have a light supper (sloppy joes, shredded chicken sandwiches, relish trays, and fruit.) Every month of the year will be represented with decorations and a dessert that showcase the uniqueness of that month, and for entertainment, we will be highlighting our own talented musicians at Emanuel.

Be sure to watch for more details in the October newsletter, but for now...

**Save the date – Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm**



Welcome to Our Monthly Music Notes!

*Thine the amen thine the praise / alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head / thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story / thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.*

Thus begins the great hymn “Thine the Amen” (LBW #826) by the late Lutheran hymnists Herbert Brokering and Carl Schalk, which we will sing together on our Anniversary Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. It is one of my favorite hymns (more on that later...), and I know it is a favorite of many of you as well.

September brings the return of the church choirs, with rehearsals and Sunday performances set to begin for our adult, children’s and bell choirs. So Wednesday evenings will be a busy time once again at Emanuel! If you have thought about joining one of these groups, it’s never too late or too early to take the plunge! See any of the music staff for information and encouragement!

Rummaging around in the “Did You Know” file, did you know that Tuesday evenings at Emanuel are also filled with the sounds of music? Of course, our Praise Team rehearses that evening year-round (no summer vacation for them!). But we also host a local Flute Ensemble, led by Beth Cumbie, and the Marionaires have also called Emanuel home for a couple months now. It’s great that we have opened our doors to so much music! We have such fine spaces to host these ensembles, and it deepens our commitment of support to our community.

I’ve said it before in this space, and I’ll say it again. I love playing and studying hymns. I’m often teased (lovingly, of course!) when I refer to a hymn (or another piece of music) as “one of my favorites.” But it’s always true! Someday I should make a list to back up my claims. And I enjoy the challenge of choosing the weekly hymns.

Those who attend one of the “traditional” services at Emanuel have noticed a few less-familiar hymns have crept into the services lately. These hymns may be newer or older, less-utilized hymns from the ELW. Sometimes they are bulletin inserts from the ELCA’s most recent supplement, *All Creation Sings*, or from *This Far by Faith*, the African-American Hymnal and Worship Resource. These are fine resources that we will be continue to explore.

I spend many hours every month choosing hymns, and I try to relate them to the day’s scripture(s) as much as possible. Sometimes they are chosen based on their aesthetic qualities or theological message.

Believe me, a lot of thought and consideration goes into the hymn choices, and I know that sometimes a “new” hymn works, sometimes, not. But there are times that the message of a new hymn fits so well with the Scripture and Sermon, enhancing the overall Message of the day. Those are uplifting moments, and I rejoice when the music for the day has been moved by the Spirit into the heart.

I am so Blessed and Grateful to be your Organist and Music Director.

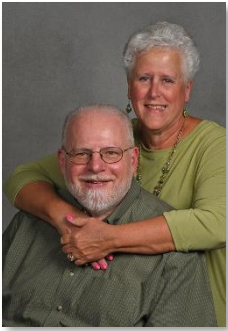
I will leave you this month with the final verse of “Thine the Amen.”

*Thine the glory in the night / no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree / then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness / only thee only thee.*

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul Burnside

## HEAVY METAL



As nocturnal animals, we bats enjoy sleeping in during the day, but I am honored to get serenaded, too. Now who would do that for a lowly bat? Probably no one intentionally, still it happens almost daily here at Emanuel when our Director of Music Ministry, Paul Burnside, comes in to practice.

Paul fills the position of organist with an extensive background of experience. He received his BA from Ohio Wesleyan University in Music Performance (organ), Medieval Studies, and Humanities/Classics; and continued on to earn his Masters of Theology from the Methodist Theological School in Delaware with aspirations of being a musicologist.

Not a Lutheran by birth, but Presbyterian, his first church organist position was in the Methodist Church. He began his Lutheran career around 1989 at St. Paul's in Marion and stayed there until the position opened here at Emanuel.

Although music has always been his primary focus, it didn't provide life-sustaining financial support. Thus, he was a banker as a day job for 30 years, until developing Vestibular Disorder, a condition that involves balance (among other things). Please read his blogs to get information since my little bat-brain isn't large enough to hold it all, much less pass it along. ([www.dizzyfingersblog.com](http://www.dizzyfingersblog.com))

Paul is married to Paula and they enjoy 2 sons and 2 grandchildren in Delaware and Pittsburgh.

When away from the bench, Paul enjoys long walks with their dog Max, 2 cats, and watching his birdfeeders serve many diners. A true Renaissance musician he enjoys all styles, either listening or playing.

(Sigh) Maybe someday he'll play bat favorites like "Now the Day is Over" or "Day is Done" (aka "Taps") I'll be listening with my sharp little bat ears.

Until next time...Blessings from Batina Belfry

## *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 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 Daniel, so if you would like to work your way through the Prophets jump in!

## Emanuel's Annual Stewardship Event Is Coming - October 1<sup>st</sup>

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.

Emanuel's Annual Stewardship Event 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. Emanuel's Annual Stewardship Event 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 at 10:30 on October 1st, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's ministries in this community and around the world.

Everyone who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on October 1st. 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 uncomfortable 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 Mike will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

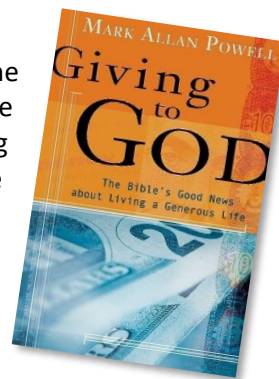
We will encourage participation in Emanuel's Annual Stewardship We will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend the event during Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation.

On behalf of the Board of Finance, Paula Burnside - Director; Tom Pannett – Treasurer

## Book Study

We had wonderful discussion with the summer book study "The Year of Living Biblically – One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible", by A.J. Jacobs. We will be focusing on stewardship with the fall book: "Giving to God – The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life," by Mark Allan Powell. Mark was one of Pastor Mike's seminary professors. 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.



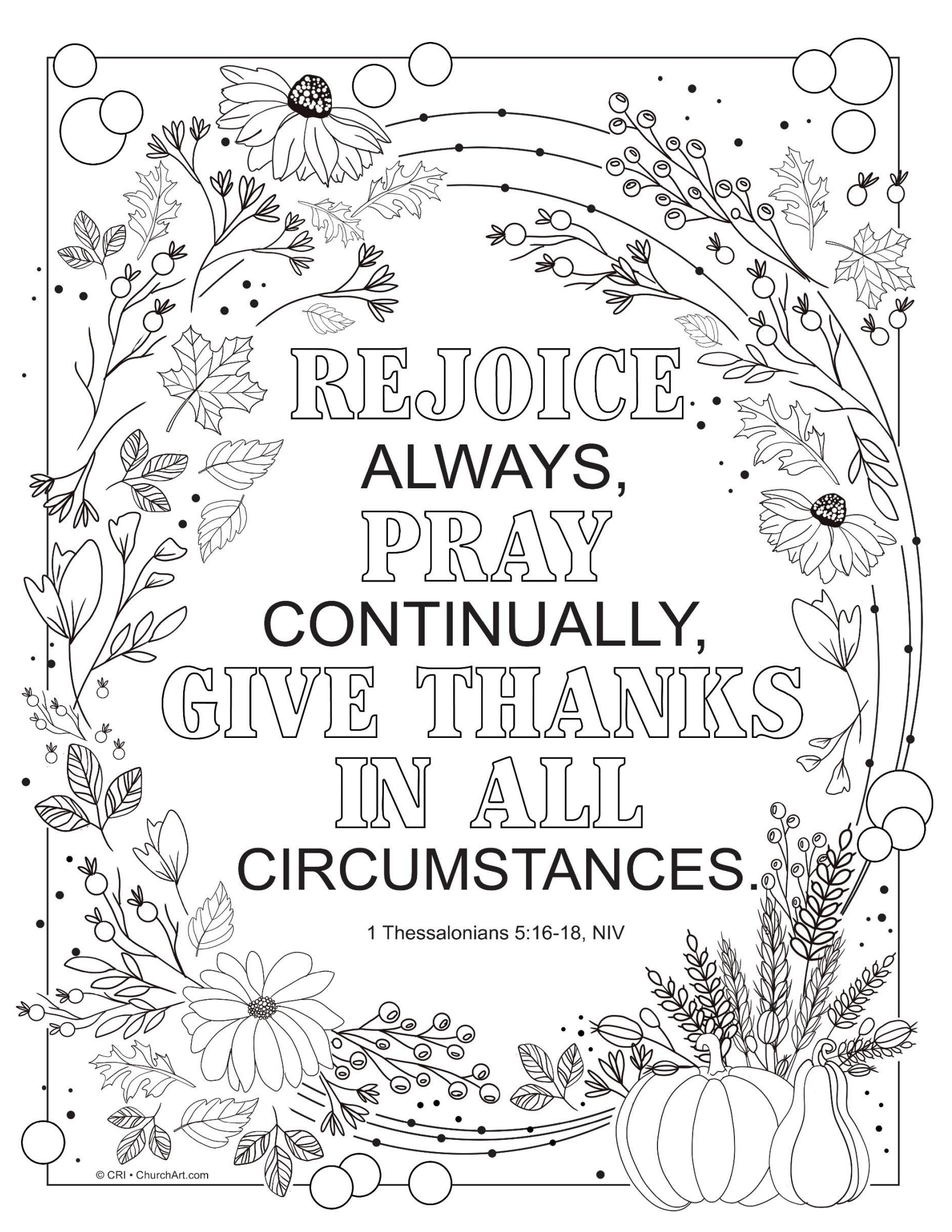
## Registration Pads in the Pews

We started 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, check if you are taking communion, or leave a note. The pad is then passed along the pew, and then passed back to the center aisle. Continue to sign in on the same sheet regardless of which service. The sheets will then be collected during the offering at the 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.

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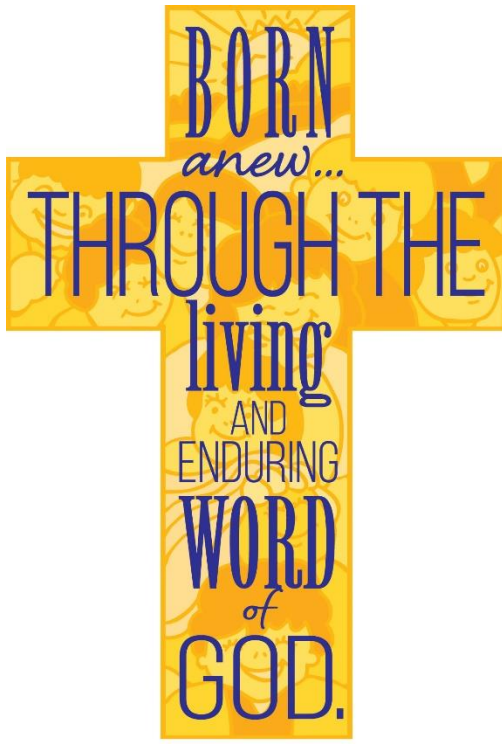


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ONE WORSHIP 10:30 - Worship 12pm BBQ Event 2pm Bible Study	10am - Anniversary Committee Mtg. 5pm Hour of Prayer 6pm Spiritual Life (offsite)	8:30 Quilters 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionaires	9:30 Bible Study 6:00 C&A Choirs 7:00 Bell Choir	10am Staff Mtg. 11:30 Book Study 5:30 Book Study 7pm Worship		
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**REJOICE  
ALWAYS,  
PRAY  
CONTINUALLY,  
GIVE THANKS  
IN ALL  
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV



1 PETER 1:23, NRSV

Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation, for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.

—*The Table Talk of Martin Luther*

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