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All the Saints

November first in the church calendar is All Saints Day. A special feast day where we remember all the saints who have gone before us. Often, we think of Saint Peter, Saint Francis of Assisi, Mother Theresa, or Saints Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. Or perhaps as Lutherans we think of Martin Luther. Yet whenever I think of All Saints Day, I think of Donald Dease.

Donald Dease was a Canadian artist and landscaper. He painted landscapes, and carved birds that look so real they could fly away. He loved gardening and would not rush choosing plants, especially flowers and planting them. He was a devoted husband, and loving father. I, however, did not know him as Donald, I knew him as Grandpa. In my life he taught me many things, that imagination is important, that dreaming is a gift, that God always listens and speaks to us, and that we all have gifts. I have a great many stories about my grandfather, and they are some of my favorites to tell. Each Saint, like my grandfather, has a story and their stories often help us see what God is up to in the world and their stories help us as we are formed in our faith.

There are many Saints that have gone before us, some well-known, some only known by those who loved them. Yet they all have lessons to teach us. We also have lessons to teach one another as we too are called to be Saints.

Who are the Saints who have gone before you?
What have you learned from them?

Peace and all Good,
Pastor Ian

Thank you all so very much for the many cards and kind words for Pastor Appreciation Month, I am truly blessed to have been called to serve here at Emanuel. -Pastor Ian

PD Ann's Corner - Our Journey Through God's Name

Basileus Basileon- King of Kings

In the New Testament here are a number of references to Jesus as a king. Some of the phrases mentioned are "King of the ages" in John 1:49; King of the Jews in Luke 23:38; King of Israel, in John 1:49 and King of Kings in I timothy 6:14-15. Basileus Basileon is a Greek phrase that is translated King of Kings. Some Christian churches are called "basilicas'" which means in Greek "the hall of the King." In Matthew 27:27-37 the soldiers made fun of Jesus by dressing him as a king. They put a scarlet robe on him and made a crown of thorns to put on his head. They knelt before him and mocked him yelling "Hail, King of the Jews." Then they beat him. When Jesus was crucified, they put up a sign with the words "This is Jesus King of the Jews." I Timothy 6:15 tells us, "For at the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only mighty God, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Revelation 19:16 tells us that "on his clothes and his thigh he has a name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Read the following scripture to learn more about the Kingdom of God and how you can prepare to bring his Kingdom on earth: Matthew 6:9-10; 25:31-43; 27:27-37, I Corinthians 6:9-11; I Timothy 6:11-16; II Peter 1:5-11 and Revelation 4; 11:15; 15:1-4; 17:12-14. What does it mean to have Jesus as your king? How can you seek "first the kingdom of God" in the midst of your life? What would life on earth look like today if Jesus' reign was perfectly established?

Bridges Approach

When we look at the topic of power and power structures among the various social classes, we find that those who live in poverty, power is linked to personal respect. Power gives the ability to fight. There is a belief that bad things can't be stopped from happening. Those who find themselves in the middle class, power and respect tend to be separated from each other. Power is a response to someone's position. Power is found in information and institutions. And when it comes to those who live with wealth, power comes from expertise and connections. Power gives stability. Power influences policy and direction.

2026 ADVENT CAMP
"Angels and Shepherds "



Sunday, November 29TH
10AM to 3PM

Please join us for a day of preparation to help celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

This invitation is for both children and adults. Come as a family or someone who loves to celebrate Christmas.

We will begin at 10AM with registration, an Advent craft, we will learn what Advent truly is and ways to prepare our hearts for the coming of Baby Jesus.

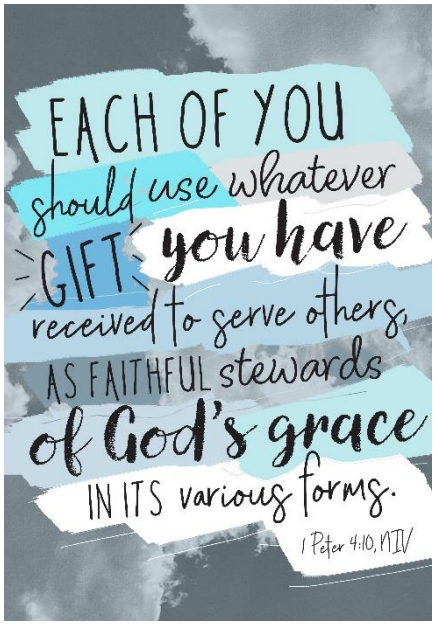
We will attend the Praise Service together and participate in the service. At 12PM a luncheon will be served in the parlor for anyone wishing to participate, music and singing will follow lunch.

From 1Pm to 3PM we will be crafting, hearing the Christmas story and learning about Angels and Shepherds.
Plans are still being made and help is needed. Please call Cindy Rinker at 740-225-8068 if you have any questions or would like to help.

Stewardship Series

We had a very successful time looking at what Stewardship truly is for us as Christians.
Here is the list of scripture passages that we used:

Genesis 1:26-31	Introduction to Stewardship
Deuteronomy 8:1-20	Everything Belongs to God
Psalm 8:1-9	Stewardship of All Creation
Matthew 6:19-21	Stewardship is a Spiritual Discipline
Corinthians 12:1-13	Stewardship of Spiritual Gifts
Acts 2:42-47	Stewardship of Being Community
Mark 10:17-21	Stewardship Involves Sacrifice
Romans 15:22-33	Stewardship Is Our Duty and Delight
1 Corinthians 16:1-4	Stewardship As an Act of Worship
1 Peter 4:7-11	Stewardship of Our Talents and Gifts
Deuteronomy 14:22-29	Stewardship Is Proportionate
Proverbs 31:8-9	Stewardship Involves Advocacy and Speaking Out
Luke 18:18-25	Stewardship of Renunciation
Matthew 6:1-4	How to Provide Stewardship
Psalm 116:1-19	Stewardship Is Our Response to Our Debt Being Paid
Romans 13:1-8	Stewardship Because We Are a Part
2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Stewardship Is Systematic



Book Worm

Having celebrated the Feast of the Reformation, there are a few year-long daily devotionals to recommend (if you are looking for something to us in 2027!). All three devotions from Luther's Works. The first one is *Day by Day We Magnify Thee – Daily Readings for the Entire Year*, published by Fortress Press in 1982. The second one is *By Faith Alone – 365 Devotional Readings Updated in Today's Language*, published by World Bible Publishers in 1995. And the third one is *Through Faith Alone – 365 Devotional Readings from Martin Luther*, published by Concordia Publishing House in 1999.

All three of these devotionals are nice ways to hear the works of Martin Luther. If you are not looking for a devotion here is another book for you to consider: "Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five books of Moses" by Bruce Feiler. "One part adventure story, one-part archeological detective work and one part exploration walking the Bible recounts an in-spiring odyssey through the greatest stories ever told". Bruce Feiler wanted to reconnect to the Bible by retracing the Five Books of moses through the desert in a 10,000-mile journey. Along with archeologist Avner Gorenz, he journeys through Turkey, Israel, Palestine territories, Egypt, the Sinai and Jordan to visit actual places mentions in the Bible. He interviews Bedouin's and pilgrim's and people who spent their lives living on the land. He reads the Bible stories in their natural surroundings. He explores how geography affects the Bible and how this experience affected his faith.

Comfort Quilters

The Comfort Quilters completed 198 quilts from November 2025 to October 6, 2026. The quilts will be distributed in the US and around the world through Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all the people who contributed materials and time to this project. We thank the quilters from the Lutheran Church on Pawleys Island, North Carolina for the quilts they added to our boxes. Cheryl Bayless brings them to us. The people who came to quilt on Tuesdays in 2025-2026 are Carla Compton, Cindi Bentley, Shirley Campbell, George and Jan Click, Norma Ward, Carol Hoch, Linda Logsdon, Bill Lambert, Ann Thomas, Dee Rinehart, Barb Bosh, and Jean Yake.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Instead of getting a gift each day in advent, we are going to practice generosity by giving each day in advent. Throughout Advent you will add the items that each day calls for to a box at home. As we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, and the celebration of Christmas, we are invited to share and to love one another. Come Christmas Eve, you will have collected everything and are invited to bring your box to church and place it under the Christmas tree in the Gathering Space. Items will be sorted and donated as needed.

1. One Box of Pasta
2. One Jar of Pasta Sauce
3. One Jar of Peanut Butter
4. One Jar of Strawberry Jelly
5. $5 for our Emanuel Early Learning Center
6. One (or one bundle of) washcloths
7. One empty detergent bottle OR one box of trash bags
8. One bottle of toilet bowl cleaner
9. One bottle of Windex
10. $10 for Hopewood Outdoors
11. One Jar of Grape Jelly
12. One box of baby diapers
13. Women's Socks
14. All Purpose cleaning spray
15. One Bag of Egg Noodles
16. One Package of Brown Paper Bags
17. One Flat Cotton Queen Size Sheet
18. Box of snack Ziplock bags
19. One 4 pack of toilet paper
20. $20 for ELCA Youth Gathering
21. A can of dog food
22. A can of cat food
23. Gallon of Water
24. A box of dryer sheets
25. Box of Pencils

Hunger Network in Ohio Events:



Advocacy in Advent: December 1st 12:00 - 7pm You are invited to come and advocate with us during the Advent and holiday season for an end to hunger and justice in our communities. No experience necessary. After a day at the Statehouse, join us for dinner, singing, and community with one another! Come for one or both events! Advocacy Day 12:00-5:00; Celebration Dinner 5:00 -7:00

Hunger Network in Ohio's Monthly Advocate Check-in - Second Thursday's (normally) 7pm - 8pm. Join fellow advocates from across Ohio to hear what is going on at the Ohio Statehouse, ways to get involved, ask questions, and share what is going on in your community. All are welcome to this time! Registration for both of these events can be found at: www.Hungernetohio.com/events

Feed the Need November Menu & Wish list

11/4 – Chicken, Rice, and Biscuit Casserole
11/11 – One Pan Pasta Lunch
11/18 – Chicken Noodle Casserole
11/25 – In a Hurry Hot Dog Dinner

Wish List – Chips, jelly, cookies, rice Krispie treats, lunch meat, crackers, pudding cups, fruit bowls and meatballs.



Looking Back with Alicia



Oliver Ditson

In the February 4, 1924 minutes of the Vestry it was stated that a bill was to be paid in the amount of $4.12 to the Oliver Ditson Company. I looked this company up and found that the company published a lot of America's popular sheet music located in Boston, Massachusetts. That was right after President Harding died in August of 1923. It went on to say that following the President's death sheet music and funeral march sheet music were rushed into production. Copies of his music were distributed nationwide to local retail shops, music teachers or school boards in Marion. A lot of local towns including Marion used their own town name or shop name on the Boston-printed covers. Emanuel must have bought some of that sheet music.



Kitchen Kabinet Orchestra

In the April 1, 1924 minutes of Vestry it was decided to put a committee together, consisting of Andrew Baldauf, George Schaadt and Lawrence Rengart, to look into the cost of building a new parsonage, what is now our church office. The committee then got an estimate to build the parsonage at $10,200.00. At the May 27th Special Congregational Meeting the cost was accepted.

In the minutes of May 6, 1924 of Vestry it was voted and approved to temporarily use the Sunday school room for entertainment presented by the Kitchen Kabinet Orchestra. I looked it up and this was a type of comedy, novelty sketch and musical fundraiser group performed by local community groups, church organizations and women's clubs across Ohio and the U.S. Emanuel used it as a fundraiser to raise money for building the new parsonage, etc.

It was decided and voted on at the July 1st Vestry meeting that the church get a loan to finance the building of the parsonage with no more than 6% interest.



Baldauf and Schlientz

In the October 19th minutes of Vestry meeting Andrew Baldauf was authorized to build a cement block garage behind the parsonage at a cost of $200.00. The garage is still there today.
I called Ed Baldauf and asked if Andrew Baldauf was a relative. He told me that Andrew was older than Ed but he would be a distant cousin that owned Baldauf and Schlentz. I have written about that company before. He told me that they made cement blocks so I'm sure since Andrew owned that company, he made the bricks for the garage.

At the December 2, 1924 Vestry meeting it was voted to sell the old parsonage for $7,000.00 located at 331 Cherry St. That would help the cost of building the new parsonage. This is where our church offices are located today.

At the Special Congregational Meeting on December 21, 1924 it was approved to sell the old parsonage to William Duerr for $7,000.00.

At the March 3, 1925 meeting of Vestry Rev. Schillinger explained about an expansion program at Capitol University to build a girl's dormitory. It was decided to have a special committee appointed at Emanuel to solicit funds to help Capitol with this project.

In April of 1925 the Trustees of Emanuel were instructed to either repair or remove the well that was on the church property. In 1925 the property was our present church. Emanuel was dedicated in our present building September 8, 1918.

In August of 1925 a motion was made and approved granting permission for the Ladies Society of Emanuel to have a boiler installed in the church kitchen at their own expense.

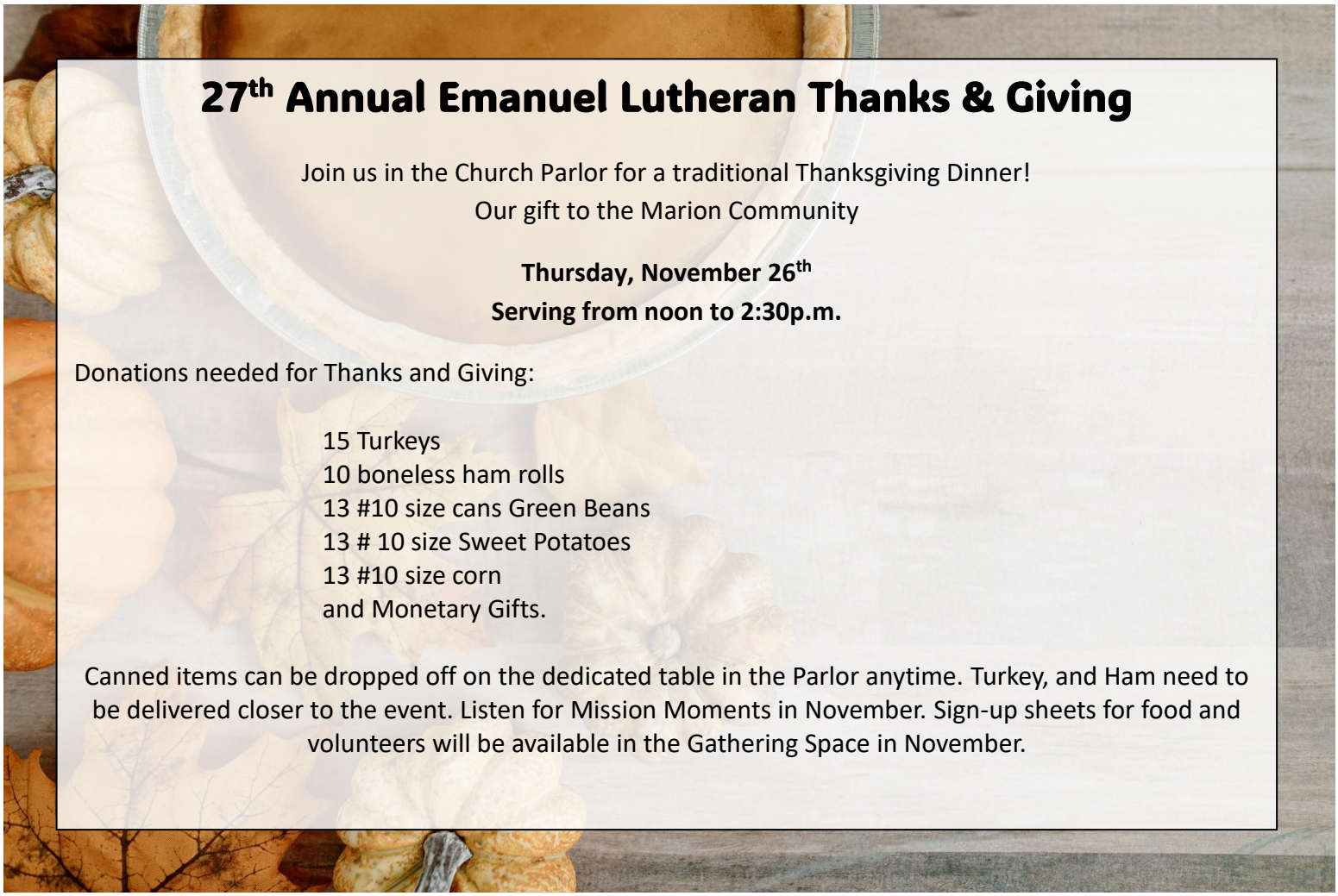
In September of 1925 the trustees authorized a purchase of a five-gallon keg of communion wine. At the same meeting the trustees were instructed to order twenty-five tons of coal.
When I was talking to Ed Baldauf, I also asked him about the coal. He said Baldauf and Schlentz also sold coal. I have seen many times where bills were paid to Baldauf and Schlentz. All of our records have Schlentz spelled with entz. If you look close at the picture it's spelled Schlientz.

There was a special congregational meeting held on Sunday, October 11, 1925 to vote on uniting the Ohio and Iowa Synods of the Lutheran Church. The motion was made and approved.

All of these things have been so interesting for me to read and tell you about. I hope you are enjoying reading them also.

More history to come,
Alicia

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Doris Decker celebrates her 92nd birthday on November 3rd
Janet Brown celebrates her 92nd birthday on November 7th
Bill Barnhart celebrates his 94th birthday on November 27
Let's remember Doris, Janet, and Bill with our cards and prayers!



27th Annual Emanuel Lutheran Thanks & Giving

Join us in the Church Parlor for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner!
Our gift to the Marion Community

Thursday, November 26th
Serving from noon to 2:30p.m.

Donations needed for Thanks and Giving:

15 Turkeys
10 boneless ham rolls
13 #10 size cans Green Beans
13 # 10 size Sweet Potatoes
13 #10 size corn
and Monetary Gifts.

Canned items can be dropped off on the dedicated table in the Parlor anytime. Turkey, and Ham need to be delivered closer to the event. Listen for Mission Moments in November. Sign-up sheets for food and volunteers will be available in the Gathering Space in November.

Steeple Sightings



Dear Emanuel Community,

While traveling around the county recently and visiting fellow bats in their churches, I overheard the phrase, "too many cooks spoil the broth." It made me realize how fortunate we are at Emanuel to have such exceptional cooks—specifically Stephanie and David Cook. This month, we are highlighting Stephanie (of course, ladies first).

Born and raised in Windber, Pennsylvania, Stephanie served as a student librarian during her school years. After graduation, she worked at the local McCrory's store and later served as a county tax collector, but not at all like the St. Matthew in Jesus' day. In 1971 she married her high school sweetheart, David, and together they have one son, T.J.

Always active, Stephanie has worked around Marion at Suisse Chalet, Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, Meijer, and retired after 15 years as a manager at Lowe's.

An avid Ohio sports fan, her favorite team is the Buckeyes, followed by the Browns, the Blue Jackets, and the Clippers. In her free time, she enjoys flower gardening and reading.

Above all, she loves sharing her passion for cooking and baking—her specialty being chocolate peanut butter cake with peanut butter icing—as she serves the Lord and Emanuel through Feed the Need, Thanks and Giving, and community and funeral meals.

After arriving at Emanuel in 1979, Stephanie and David attended the Thursday evening worship services to accommodate their weekend work schedules, then began worshipping at the early Sunday morning services. She has served on several boards including Social Ministry.

She feels Emanuel is special for its people and how they work together for the furthering of the Lord's kingdom. We are the blessed ones for their service and dedication. Thank you, so-o-o, much!

Blessings to all y'all down there in the pews.
Batina Belfry

Monthly Mission Ministry Updates



Since June we have been focusing on the needs of others in our community each month in order to stretch our support outside of our own walls. Thank you to everyone who has participated! We have raised funds and donated items for Trinity Lutheran Church's steeple repair, the Moran family, Hauling Hope, Luke 3:11 ministries, and Turning Point!

For the month of November, we ask you to think about what you're most thankful for in the Marion Community. Then find a creative way to support the ministries or services that mean the most to you during this season of gratitude and giving. What has been a blessing in your life and how can you give thanks for those blessings?

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:45 – EWL Service 10 – Sun. School 11:15– Praise Worship 4:30 – Youth Group 7pm Worship	**2** 10am Spiritual Life Mtg.	**3** 8:30 – Quilters 1-3 FTN Prep 6pm Praise Team 7pm Marionaires	**4** 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Feed the Need 5pm Scholarship Mtg 6pm Choir 7pm Bells	**5** 11:30 Book Study 6pm Loop Troupe	**6** 9am Waldo Food Distribution 11am Chair Yoga	7
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29 8:45 – EWL Service 10 – Advent Camp 11:15– Praise Worship 7pm Worship	**30**	1	2	3	4	5

Meet the Author. Experience the Story.

An Evening with Bishop Demetrios:

AUTHOR OF

GRACE UNBOUND

The Sacred Activism of an Orthodox Bishop



Interview | Meet & Greet

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:00 PM – Gathering & Reception
7:00 PM – Interview
8:00–9:00 PM – Meet & Greet

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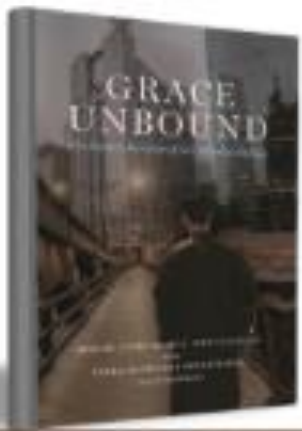
Copies of ***Grace Unbound*** will be available for purchase and signing. All are welcome to attend this engaging conversation on faith, leadership, and social witness.



Interlocutor:
Evangelia Philippidis — An award-winning illustrator and nationally recognized fine artist with over 40 years of experience, her clients include major newspapers, Yale University Press, and Penguin Classics. She also taught at Columbus College of Art and Design.

There is no charge for this event.



About the Book

Published by Rowman & Littlefield, an imprint of Bloomsbury (2025), and co-authored with Patra Sevastiades, Grace Unbound: The Sacred Activism of an Orthodox Bishop explores the life and ministry of Bishop Demetrios (Kantzavelos) of Mokissos, offering a powerful narrative of faith in action, moral courage, and advocacy for justice in the modern world.



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