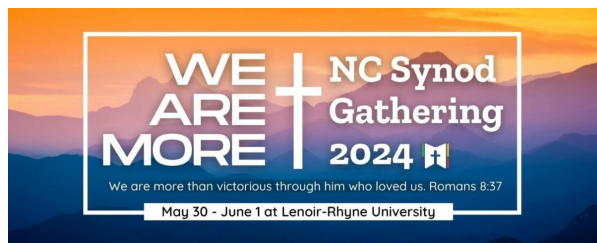


# VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



Dear People of God of the North Carolina Synod,

The synod staff and I are excited to invite you to the 2024 NC Synod Gathering—**Thursday, May 30, through Saturday, June 1.**

Come to Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory to connect, learn, share, and be inspired together under the theme, *We Are More*. Clear your calendar, invite your friends, and make plans to join others from across the synod—old friends and new!—at this exciting event for lay people as well as pastors and deacons. Each day is planned as a stand-alone day with worship, learning, and fellowship. Come for just one or all three of the days.

In this email—and on the **Synod Gathering webpage**—you'll find all you need to plan your trip to Hickory. We look forward to sharing time, life, and ministry together with you at the 2024 Synod Gathering!

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Alfredo M. Oviedo,  
Assistant to the Bishop

The Details at a Glance

- **DATES:** Thursday, May 30, through Saturday, June 1
  - **LOCATION:** Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory
  - **REGISTRATION OPTIONS:** Each day is a stand-alone day—come for one, two, or all three days!
  - **KEY REGISTRATION DATES:** Early-Bird Pricing Ends April 1; Final Registration Deadline Is May 8.
  - **FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:** Worship, Keynote, Workshops, Fellowship, Service Event, Address from Bishop Tim, Affinity Groups, Celebration of Anniversaries, Installation of Lay Preachers, Blessing of NovusWay Summer Camp Counselors, Commissioning for NC Synod Youth Attending the ELCA Youth Gathering!
  - **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** ELCA Executive Director for Innovation, Iain Chester
- WHO IS INVITED?** Lay\* people and pastors & deacons—come one, come all!  
(\*lay is a way to refer to someone connected to church who is not ordained.)

Please visit the NCSynod website at:  
<https://nclutheran.org/event/synod-gathering-2024/>



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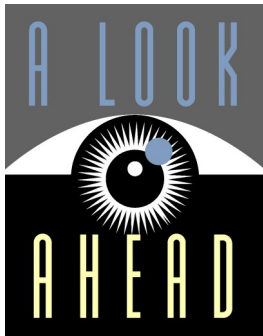
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Mission Statement:

As the body of Christ,  
fed and nourished  
through worship, we  
are called to serve all  
people, through the use  
of our gifts to proclaim  
God's justice, mercy  
and love.

*Our Vision: Striving to  
Thrive with Vitality!*



### March 3

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.



On Tuesday, February 27 Battleground Elementary School held a presentation for "Loving Lincolnton".

Emmanuel Lutheran Church was one of the groups that help our community with love and care!

Thank you all for all you do!

You can see the video at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=TBCdfpAkyNI&feature=shared>



Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, Peggy Buckner, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Cecelia Driscoll, James Gantt, Pat Hance, Tonya Lawson, Suzette James, Glenn Mosteller, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), the Family of April Wellman (Susan Boyd), Rosa Guerra (Susan Boyd), Rob Gregor (Susan Boyd), Anita Cable (mother in law Ashley Peaslee), Charles Ferguson (son-in-law Judy Blanc), Bill Gibbs Jr. (Amy Brown), Ken Smith (brother of Kathy Cromer), J.L. Morris (Susan Boyd), Jay Puckett (Carol Wise), Lenard McIlveen (brother of Marianne Doehling), Vinnie Viscarello (son-in-law Dot Swart), Quaid Mincey (Jennifer Huskey), Robert 'Chip' Jackson (Linda Goodson), Bill Lewis (father of Pastor Judy), Roger Ballard (Doris Little), Pastor Mark Redding (Kirk Herbertson), John and Alice Ferguson (Larry Blanc)

## Heavenly Humor

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend.

"I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby.

"But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend.

"Well, I had to toss it 35 times."



### ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

How did King Saul die?

1. Killed by his armor-bearer
2. Hung himself
3. In his own bed at an old age
4. Fell on his own sword
5. Struck on his head with a millstone thrown from a roof



King Saul

Answer: 4 – 1 Samuel 31

### Notes From the Office

If you are unable to come and get the 2024 Yearbook, please contact the Office and we can get them to you.

Please call 704-735-9033 or email [lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com)

## Ministry in Action - *March*

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24 Palm Sunday
Greeters	Kenneth Pales Nancy Pales	Marty Eaddy Jill Eaddy	Heather Lackey Jan Huitt	Julie Leonhardt Suzanne Rhyne
Lector	Linda Rice	Don Stroud	David Bynum	Ben Robinson
Communion Asst.	Ruth Murphy	Johnnie Gonzales	Jennifer Huskey	Josh Collins
Acolyte	Jennifer Little	Linda Rice	Hannah Brooks	Mary Ellen Bridges
Crucifer	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent
Altar Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Lent

### Monthly Duties *March 2024*

Councilperson	Emily Robinson			
Altar Guild	Linda Rice	Sue Zimtbaum		
Ushers	Leon Harmon (Captain)	Stephen Lounsbury Dan James	Ben Robinson Rudy Rudisill	

Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8

6 Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> 'O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

*What God Requires*

<sup>6</sup> 'With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be  
pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my  
soul?

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

## Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

## Third Sunday in Lent



**Share:** Share your highs and lows

**Read:** Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8

**Talk:** Slowly reflect on the reading. Micah was a minor prophet and a contemporary of Isaiah. Do you recognize verses 6 through 8? Perhaps you have heard the chancel choir sing an anthem based on that text? In this text, Micah is prophesying God's frustration with Israel. The people of Israel are not satisfied with what God has done for them. Do you sometimes feel that God has let you down? That God should be doing more? Micah turns the question around and asks what God requires of you. How do you feel about giving God valuable material things? Or your first-born child like Abraham sacrificing Isaac? Would you prefer to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God? Do you sometimes find that difficult to do?

**Pray:** Thank you, God, for telling us what You require of us. We confess that at times we find doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly, difficult to do. We confess that at times we would rather do something else. Help us find the strength within us to do what You require.

**Bless:** "\_\_\_\_\_, may you always do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.



DO JUSTICE ...

*love kindness ...*

WALK HUMBLY

*with our God.*

MICAH 6:8



Every night in every home



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## 2024 Community Lenten Services FUMC Fellowship Hall

*12:00 pm – lunch (cost of meal: \$6.00) Worship 12:30 – 1:00 pm*

### SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

*February 28 Pastor Reed Conley – Artisan Church*

March 6 Rev. Dr. Stanley Spence – First Baptist Church

March 13 Rev. Elizabeth Tester – St. Luke's Episcopal Church

March 20 Rev. Judy Drysdale – Emmanuel Lutheran Church

We hope you will join us for this time of reflection and devotion during the Season of Lent.



**Emmanuel  
Lutheran Church**  
Worshipping. Loving. Serving.

*In the heart of fear and pain, God plants the seed of our joy.*

***Join us on Wednesdays throughout Lent for Holden Evening prayer  
and a devotional led by Pastor Judy.***

***Worship begins at 6:30pm each week in Lent in the chapel.***

*February 28*

*March 6*

*March 13*

*March 20*

*Expectant Joy*

*Liberating Joy*

*Transformative Joy*

*Vocational Joy*



# Preparing FOR Easter

This year we have lots of choices for our Easter Flowers.

There is an order form in the North Wing. Please indicate color and type and please make sure you state if who this is in Memory of or in Honor of.

## Begonias (1 gallon bucket)

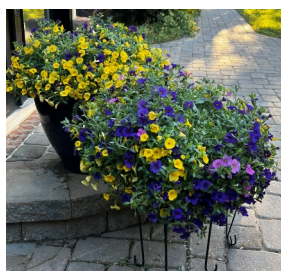
Pink



Million Bells Hanging Pot

Begonias are \$20. each and the Million Bells are \$24. each.

Yellow



***Orders must be in the office by  
March 7***

***You may also contact the office to  
place your order at 704-735-9033.***

Orange



We are hosting Boy Scout Troup 75 Pinewood Derby

***Saturday, March 2***

***8 am until 1 pm***

Fellowship Hall



Please join us for a great day of racing!



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
216 S Aspen St Lincolnton, NC 28092

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Polly Bryant	3/01
Billy Mitchem	3/02
Nancy Cable	3/03
Pam Huskey	3/05
Jody Rhyne	3/05
Dot Wise	3/07
Caleb Link	3/08
Todd Lanier	3/11
Les Cloninger	3/13
Quinlyn Rader	3/14
Rudy Rudisill	3/20
Barbara Carpenter	3/21
Madison Lanier	3/23
Laurie Heavner	3/25
Sue Zimtbaum	3/25
Glenn Mosteller	3/26
Trudy Perkins	3/26
Emily Lawson	3/28
John Cromer	3/29
Luke Deal	3/29
Jason Harpe	3/31
Jadon Rhyne	3/31



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Sunday worship, study and  
fellowship opportunities

Sunday School 9 AM Parlor  
Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Service is live streamed on  
Facebook at 10 am each Sunday  
and will be posted to YouTube.