

# VOICE OF EMMANUEL

## SEEDS OF HOPE!



Spring is here! Well, almost. March 19 ushers in the new season. Spring is a time of newness and renewal. You may have seen some new things around the church lately, which require a bit of explanation. Our bulletins on Sunday, for instance, are new and yet not. Many of you may remember having the all-inclusive bulletins in years gone by. Why bring them back? My short answer is good hospitality. Our liturgy and hymnals are not terribly user friendly, so having them all in one makes for a more welcoming experience for all who attend. I think this is very important, especially considering the fact the church is hoping to attract young families.



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

You may have noticed that we have a new logo. I shared with our church council the importance of communication through a logo. The emblem should communicate who we are and what is most important to us.

Notice that the cross is made of people with their hands reaching out to make that cross. This represents we are actively using our hands doing God's work. The words worshipping, loving, and serving come out of the Mission Statement for Emmanuel and describe what we are doing at Emmanuel.

Communication is important in every area of life. I would ask that to continue good communication, you put my cell phone number in your phone or have it quickly available to use. My phone number is in the bulletin every week as well as in the Congregational Yearbook. Please feel free to text me (and please put your name in a new text so I know who you are!) anytime you wish to see me, and I will make time to meet with you. I am in the church office Monday to Thursday from 10am-2pm each day to meet with you. If you need a later time, I am happy to schedule a time with you.

I have been at Emmanuel for 7 weeks and I am still learning who you are individually as well as a congregation. Please be patient with me. I will make mistakes – I am human after all! But know that I deeply care and learning to love each of you. Thank you for your prayers and all the ways you show that you care! Let's continue to grow together!

Together in ministry,

*Pastor Judy*



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Hope**

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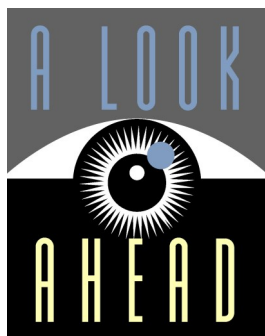
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**Mission Statement:**

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 10

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.



## Emmanuel Scholarships

Again this year a scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student who is a member of Emmanuel regardless of the high school from which they are graduating

This year two scholarships will be awarded. One Harry Costner/Emmanuel Scholarship for a graduating senior at Lincolnton High School. This is open to both members and non-members of Emmanuel. The second scholarship is the Emmanuel Scholarship and open only to graduating seniors who are member of Emmanuel regardless of the high school they attend.

The total value of each scholarship is \$4,000.00. It is paid out at \$500.00 each semester that the student is enrolled in an institution of higher education for eight semesters or four years.

Applications for the Emmanuel Scholarship can be picked up in the church office and must be returned to church office on or before **April 1, 2024.** Applications for the Harry Costner/Emmanuel Scholarship are available in the Guidance Counselor's office at Lincolnton High School.

**These scholarships are funded by the Scholarship Fund within Emmanuel's Mission Endowment.**



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)



Frustrated by his congregation's apathy, the pastor surprised the Altar Guild volunteer when he ordered that prune juice be used instead of wine for communion.

"Why prune juice?" she asked.

The pastor smiled. "If my sermons won't move them, the prune juice will!"



### ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

The following text is from the Old Testament; many believe that it is a prophecy about Jesus being from Jerusalem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

The prophet was:

1. Amos
2. Hosea
3. Isiah
4. Jeremiah
5. Micah



Answer: 5. Micah 5:2



Battlegrounds clothes closet needs....

Lots of Hangers

Plastic bins

Hanging racks (several they have are broken) Plastic drawers and /or crates

They actually have plenty of clothes, coats, zip jackets, pull overs, hats/gloves, socks/underwear, and jeans.

They really just need help with available hanging racks, bins, and hangers to be able to put these items out.

If you have any of the above items you would like to donate, please either take by the church office or contact me Julie Leonhardt or Susan McConnell and we will get them from you.

Thank you for your help and support!!!

## Ministry in Action - *March*

	March 10	March 17	March 24 Palm Sunday	March 28 Maundy Thursday
Greeters	Marty Eaddy Jill Eaddy	Heather Lackey Jan Huitt	Julie Leonhardt Suzanne Rhyne	Available
Lector	Don Stroud	David Bynum	Ben Robinson	Stephen Lounsbury
Communion Asst.	Johnnie Gonzales	Jennifer Huskey	Josh Collins	Ben Robinson
Acolyte	Linda Rice	Hannah Brooks	Mary Ellen Bridges	Julie Leonhardt
Crucifer	Lent	Lent	Matthew Heavner	Lent
Altar Flowers	Lent	Lent	Lent	Len t

### Monthly Duties *March* 2024

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

Hebrew 11:1-3, 13-19

### The Meaning of Faith

<sup>11</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, <sup>18</sup> of whom he had been told, 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' <sup>19</sup> He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

## Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

## Fourth Sunday in Lent



**Share:** Share your highs and lows

**Read:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19

**Talk:** Slowly reflect on the reading. One of the main themes in Paul's writings is the importance of faith. In this text from Hebrews, Paul used examples from the Old Testament of people who had faith. (The text above is from the daily common lectionary and omits verses 4 through 12). How do you feel about Paul's definition of faith? Is it easy to be assured of things what we hope for such as heaven? Do you have faith in the things not seen? Yet we give our confessions that we believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What do you think about Paul's understanding of Abraham's offering of his son Isaac? Abraham had faith in God's ability to do anything including raising someone from the dead.

**Pray:** Thank you, God, for all that you have done and all you will do. Help us keep our faith in you. Help us believe in things that are promised and are yet unseen.

**Bless:** "\_\_\_\_\_, may your faith in God always be strong"



Now faith is the  
substance  
of things hoped for ...

Hebrews 11:1



*We offer our Christian Sympathy to the family of  
Danny Sain*

*Please keep the family, Carolyn Ballard, Betty Mauney and  
Joan Hannon, and the rest of the family in your prayers.  
Please be with the families as they go through the journey of  
grief. May they all feel God's loving presence and may the  
hope of resurrection bring joy to us all.*



Every night in every home



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**Emmanuel  
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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.*

*March 6*

*March 13*

*March 20*

*Liberating Joy*

*Transformative Joy*

*Vocational Joy*

**2024 Community Lenten Services FUMC Fellowship Hall**  
**12:00 pm – lunch (cost of meal: \$6.00) Worship 12:30 – 1:00 pm**

### **SPEAKER SCHEDULE:**

*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.

## ***Tuesday, March 12 - Women's Lunch***

*After quilting Tuesday at noon we will meet at Court Street Grille!*

*All are Welcome!*

*Women will be in the back and will have a table for the men up front at the window.*

*Really hope to see you there!*

JOIN US  
for  
LUNCH

## 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



Yellow



Orange



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

*Orders must be in the office by*

***March 7***

*You may also contact the office to place your order at 704-735-9033 or you may e-mail your order to [lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com)*

### Special EASTER OFFERING

The Special Easter Offering has been designated to go to The Good Neighbor Shop. Donations can be made using the Special Easter Envelope or by using an envelope in the pew and writing The Good Neighbor Shop Special Easter offering on it.

The Good Neighbor Shop serves the Lincolnton Community with compassion and affordability. It provides affordable clothing, household items and more to individuals and families facing financial challenges. Proceeds from sales support local charities and programs.

Lend a  
helping  
hand



***Church Clean Up Day will be on  
Saturday, March 23 for Holy Week.***

***Meet at North Wing at 10 AM.***

***This should not take long, many hands make light work.***



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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



**SET YOUR CLOCKS  
AHEAD SATURDAY  
NIGHT TO SEE YOU ON  
TIME ON SUNDAY!**



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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.