

# SEEDS OF HOPE!



When I was a child, one of my favorite games was “Hide and Seek.” The problem was that I was a little too good at playing. As soon as whoever was “It” turned around to start counting, I was busy scouring my surroundings for the best hiding spot, and invariably I found it. I would burrow, climb, cover, fold, or whatever I needed to do to make myself invisible to the seeker. Once I hid inside a hide-a-bed, another time on the top shelf of the hall closet with quilts stacked in front of me. I was the best at hiding, but that also meant I was the last to be found, if found at all. On many occasions, after over an hour of looking, the sounding call, “Olly Olly Oxen Free” would be raised, and I’d have to wiggle my way out of hiding and join the rest of the group. But sometimes I would fall asleep in my warm, cozy, cocoon.

In this crazy world in which we live, do you ever find yourself just wanting to hide away from all that’s going on, nestled in some quiet place where no one can find you? Do you seek the peace and respite from all the chaos that surrounds us? Is it possible, even as we are confronted by all the things that weigh us down, to find real peace? In the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of John, Jesus offers the disciples peace, **his** peace; a peace unlike anything that the world can give. God’s peace in Jesus is not necessarily the cessation of bad things that we experience in our lives, but rather a relationship with the living God who promises to walk with us through them. As the psalmist writes in Psalm 23, “yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil for thou art with me.”

When we “Share the Peace” on Sunday mornings, we are doing more than just saying hello; we are sharing the very gift of peace that Jesus is offering in this text. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” “Peace be with you,” is a declaration! It is an invitation into a covenantal relationship with the one who offers true and lasting peace no matter what is happening in the world around us.

No matter where we try to hide, the world always seems to find us. But thanks be to God that our peace is not limited by our ability to process all of life’s tensions. Our peace comes from the one who has conquered death and now walks with us through the challenges of this life and holds us close.

Peace Be With You!

+ *Pastor Mike*

PEACE  
BE WITH  
you



Volume 3, Issue 22  
JUNE 1, 2022

## ELC Seeds of Hope

### ELC Seeds of Hope

is published weekly to keep members and friends together during there time of physical distancing!

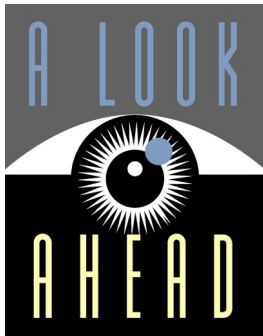
**Information submitted for publication must be received by Tuesday of Each week.**

**e-mail to  
lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com**

### 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!*



June 5

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

## Parents - time to brag!



*Celebrate Families*

Please make sure you let the church office know about your children's life events!

Birth? Graduating? Driver's License? Clubs?

Emmanuel Lutheran is interested in our kids. Please let me know about any special events that have happened with your family this last year.

We would love for you to share your news and even pictures!

Please e-mail me at [lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com) to share your life events with your church family.



Nursery Workers Needed

We are looking into re-opening the Nursery soon.

To do this we will need people to help out in the nursery.

If you are interested, please contact the office at 704-735-9033 or e-mail me at [lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:lifewithemmanuel@gmail.com)

## ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

### Original Pentecost

Pentecost started out as what?

1. Festival devoted to Moses and the burning bush
2. Festival devoted to David being annointed king
3. Roman Tax Collection Day
4. Jewish Harvest Festival
5. Festival celebrating the end of the Babylonian Captivity.



Answer: 4



As the substitute preacher was greeting the congregation he made the statement, "You know, a substitute preacher is like a piece of cardboard in a broken window. He fills the space, but after all, he's not the real glass."

He then proceeded with his sermon.

After the service, a lady approached him trying to pay him a compliment by saying, "You weren't a replacement after all. You were a real panel!"



## Ministry in Action - June

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeters	Randy Zimtbaum Sue Zimtbaum	John Cromer Yvonne Cromer	Paula Turner Barbara Carpenter	George Boyd Susan Boyd
Lector	Steve Lounsbury	Jennifer Huskey	Ben Robinson	Beth Collins
Crucifer	Matt Heavner	Nayshaun Holiday	Katelyn Leonhardt	John Cromer
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Quinlyn Cornwell	Jennifer Little	Jennifer Huskey
Communion Asst	Cathy Lounsbury	Ruth Murphy	David Bynum	Jennifer Little
Videographer	Jadon Rhyne	Jadon Rhyne	Jadon Rhyne	Jadon Rhyne
Altar Flowers	Available	Phyllis Scronce	Available	Lounsbury

### Monthly Duties June 2022

Councilperson	Nancy Pales			
Altar Guild	Kelly Rudisill	Alison Zimtbaum		
Ushers	Steve Lounsbury (Captain)	Dan James Ellis Dunston	Derick Smith Ben Robinson	

### Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

## Faith5 Corner: by Pastor Mike

### Sunday of Pentecost



Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Did anything grab your attention as you read the passage? “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Haven’t we all in some way, at some point, felt that way? “Jesus, just reveal your “Godness”, and we’ll be fine! Tear open the heavens and show yourself!” We want that once and for all sense of knowing. But Jesus calls us to a different way of “knowing” that is relational, faith-full. For three years he has been healing the sick, raising the dead, calming storms, turning water into wine, exorcising demons, binding up the broken hearted and offering mercy and forgiveness. For three years he has been training them in discipleship and love. For three years he has shown in word and deed the power of God. Yet, they still don’t see.

Can you relate? In the midst of all that is going on in the world, do you have moments of doubt? If you do, you are not alone. We all struggle; we all doubt. That is the nature of faith. But to this, Jesus reminds us of all that he has been about. He reminds us of the ways that he has been present daily in the minutia of our lives. He reminds us that he walks with us in our joys and in our sorrows. He reminds us that love is truth, and he calls us to walk in that truth. And he offers us peace.

Where does your peace come from? How do you find hope in the midst of this troubling world? Is it from your politics, your bank account, your work, your family? Or are you clinging to something, someone, bigger, more powerful, that offers us life over death, light over darkness, hope over despair? How is that realized in your daily life?

Pray: God of peace, rekindle in us the relationship that you established in baptism. Remind us over and over again of your walk with us. Give us eyes of faith to see you when we are blinded by grief and fear. Reassure us of your presence through the Spirit and calm our anxious hearts. Amen

Bless: “\_\_\_\_\_, peace be with you.”







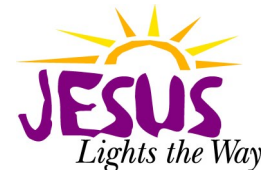
Shirley Barnes, George Boyd, Noah Brooks (son of Mindy Brooks Denton), Polly Bryant, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Marianne Doehling, Page Doehling, Cecelia Driscoll, Paul, Driscoll, Martha Duncan, Max Edwards, James Gantt, Betty King, Nancy McCoy, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Michael Wright, Pat Wilhelm, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Sawyer Parris, Phil McIlveen (Marianne Doehling's father) James McIlveen (Marianne Doehling's brother), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Terri Blake (friend of Susan Boyd), Randy Cherry (Brother of Buzz Cherry), Nancy Skeeters (in-law of Jenny Watson), Nan Muddle, Taylor Lawson (son of John and Tonya Lawson), John Swart (friend of Pug Drinkwater), Barbara Stillwell (sister-in-law of Rusty Rhyne), Allen Foreman (friend of Susan Boyd) Dinah Barkley (Susan Boyd), Tommy London (father of Tonya Lawson), Mickey Adair (aunt of Tonya Lawson), Sherri Beam (friend of Julie Leonhardt), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Breanna Tapp (Jennifer Huskey), Tomi Pendleton (Dara Jarrett), Judith Dew (Marianne and Page Doehling), Dottie Vandenburg (Tonya Lawson), Glenn Mosteller Jr. (Glenn Mosteller)

### [Get free at-home COVID-19 tests](#)

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

Go to: [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov)



## Flame Meringue Cookies

### Ingredients

2 Egg Whites, room temperature  
1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
1/8 tsp cream of tartar  
1/4 cup sugar  
10 drops orange food coloring  
5 drops red food coloring



Pre-Heat Oven to 250

Add Egg whites, vanilla, cream of tartar and orange food coloring into bowl. Beat on medium until soft peaks form.

Beat on High, add sugar 1 tablespoon at a time. Beat until stiff peaks form.

Use a piping bag or a Ziplock bag with the corner cut out. Use the large star piping tip.

Line the inside of the piping bag with 4 or 5 evenly spaced vertical lines of the red food coloring.

Scoop the meringue mix into the piping bag.

For each cookie pipe in 1-2 inch high clusters of 4 or 5 each.

Bake for 35-40 minutes until set.

Turn off heat and leave in oven for 2 or 3 hours.





EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
216 S Aspen St Lincoln, NC 28092

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Cherry Deal	6/02
Marianne Doehling	6/04
Taylor Eaddy	6/05
Katelyn Leonhardt	6/05
Malcolm Derr	6/08
Amy Rome Kiser	6/08
James Eadie	6/10
Jeffery Harrill	6/14
Charlee Wise	6/15
Millie Propst	6/18
Bertie Bassett	6/19
Joe Cline	6/20
Cathy Lounsbury	6/20
Gail Little	6/22
Barbara Mosteller	6/23
Hannah Brooks	6/24
Cynthia Robinson	6/24
Pat Cherry	6/25
Judy Jones	6/25
Kees Geerken	6/26
Thomas Deal	6/27
Michael Bynum	6/28
Rebecca Hawn	6/28
Charles Yoder	6/28
Rusty Rhyne	6/29
Tim Wise	6/29
Ben Robinson	6/30



### Lincoln County Covid-19 Case numbers

As of March 23 the State and County are no longer reporting numbers

*Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of May 23 - 16.83%*

*Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of May 30 - 17.62%*

*Lincoln County current cases as of May 23 - 86*

*Lincoln County current cases as of May 30 - 80*



Seeds of Hope

A PUBLICATION OF  
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PHONE: 704-735-9033



Newsletter Content  
Contributors

Bob Lake  
Ben Robinson  
Pastor Mike  
WELCA

Sunday worship, study and  
fellowship opportunities

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.