

# VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



## Lutherhaus of Lincolnton Celebrates 40th Anniversary

On Monday, June 5, 2023, Lutherhaus of Lincolnton celebrated 40 years of serving the Lincolnton area community by providing affordable, subsidized housing for seniors. The celebration took place in the outdoor common areas of the Lutherhaus property located on South Laurel Street. In attendance were the residents of the 30 apartment units, their guests, members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, representatives from Partnership Property Management, Mayor Ed Hatley, and City Manager, Ritchie Haynes. Following a brief program, guests enjoyed a barbeque meal, music provided by Guy Rudisill, and fellowship with other guests.

Lutherhaus was conceptualized and funded by the congregation of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in 1980 when they saw the need for affordable housing for seniors in the community. The first residents moved in on April 1, 1983 and the grand opening was celebrated on June 5, 1983 - 40 years ago. Over the years, Lutherhaus has served hundreds of seniors in the Lincolnton area. Lutherhaus would not have been possible without many people who stood behind the project in the beginning and over the years of its existence, most notably Betty Gamble, Horace Rhyne, Rev. Terry Agner, and Gary McConnell. Today, Lutherhaus' day-to-day operations are managed by Holly Hennessee, Site Manager, and her colleagues at Partnership Property Management. The Lutherhaus Board of Directors is comprised of 10 members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Ben Robinson serves as President currently.



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#### ELC Seeds of Hope

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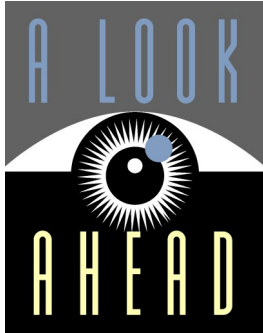
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#### Mission Statement:

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!*



June 11

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.



The new pastor was startled to learn that the wealthiest member of the congregation never gave a dime. So she stopped by to ask him why.

"The annual report of your corporation lists your salary at \$750,000, and yet you never have given to the church," she began. "May I ask why?" We could really use your offering.

"Well," he began, "Did the corporate report mention that my mother is ill, with extremely expensive medical bills? Or that I have three children in expensive private schools? Or that my brother, who has a wife and three children, was disabled in an accident and can't work?" He asked again. "Was any of that in the corporate report?"

"No," said the pastor. "So sorry."

"Well," he concluded, "If I don't give them any money, why would I give any to the church?"



According to the Gospel of Matthew, which Disciple was a Tax Collector?

- a. Thaddaeus
- b. Judas Iscariot
- c. Phillip
- d. Matthew
- e. Bartholomew

Answer: d Matthew 10:3



A new members class has been scheduled for ***Sunday, June 18.*** This will be open to anyone wishing to attend. Anyone wishing to join as a Member or Associate Member will be received on Sunday, June 25. Associate Members are persons holding membership in other Christian congregations who wish to retain their membership, but desire to participate in the life and mission of Emmanuel



We have re-scheduled the Homebound Training Class for ***Sunday, July 23 at 9 AM*** in the Chapel

If you would like to take communion to anyone who is not able to attend church, please join us for this informative group.

HAPPY  
**Father's Day**

Please join us for a

**Bridal  
SHOWER**

honoring

**HUNDLEY RHYNE**

Sunday, June 11th

2pm-4pm

Emmanuel Faith Building

209 S Government Street

Lincolnton, North Carolina

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## Ministry in Action - June - July

	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2
Greeters	John Cromer Yvonne Cromer	Glenn Mosteller Barbara Mosteller	Phyllis Scronce Susan Boyd	Milton Rice Linda Rice
Lector	Steve Lounsbury	Randy Zimtbaum	Ruth Murphy	John Cromer
Crucifer	Nayshaun Holiday	Matthew Heavner	Available	Nayshaun Holiday
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Mary Ellen Bridges	Jennifer Little	Jennifer Huskey
Communion Asst	Cathy Lounsbury	David Bynum	Ben Robinson	Vera Lanier
Altar Flowers	Bob and Carole Lake	Susan Boyd	Phyllis Scronce	Smitty and Gail Little

### Monthly Duties **May 2023**

Councilperson	Shannon Mitchem			
Altar Guild	Kelly Rudisill	Alison Zimtbaum		
Ushers	Stephen Lounsbury (Captain)	Dan James Keith Saine	Ben Robinson John Cromer	

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.



## Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

### Second Sunday after Pentecost



**Share:** Share your highs and lows

**Read:** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Talk:** Slowly reflect on the reading. What do you recall about Jewish society in Jesus' time? Do you think people approved of who Jesus spent time with? Do you like Jesus' response to his critics? What does the healing of the woman who touched Jesus' cloak tell you about the power of faith? Is this also true about man whose daughter just died? Do you find it interesting that the man was a leader of the synagogue? Do you think that faith is vital to all regardless of their status?

**Pray:** Thank you Jesus for including everybody in society in your ministry. You have taught us the power of having faith. You have taught us that faith is for all of us regardless of our position or status.

**Bless:** “\_\_\_\_\_, your faith will carry you through the most difficult of times.”



The Calling of Matthew



Every night in every home



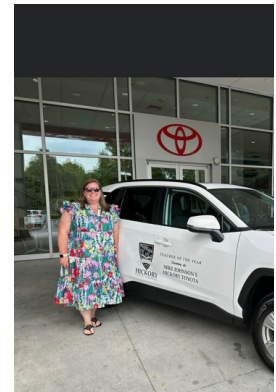
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Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Max Edwards, James Gantt, Suzette James, Betty King, Nancy McCoy, Gary and Susan McConnell, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Pat Wilburn, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Barbara Stillwell (sister-in-law of Rusty Rhyne), Tommy London (father of Tonya Lawson), Sherri Beam (friend of Julie Leonhardt), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), Larry Clark (John Lawson), Wayne Dodson (Rusty Rhyne's son David's father-in-law), Anna Lineberger (John Lineberger), Judy Bullard (John Lineberger's grandmother) April Wellman (Susan Boyd), Rosa Guerra (Susan Boyd), Rob Gregor (Susan Boyd), Anita Cable (Ashley Peaslee), Charles Ferguson (son-in-law Judy Blanc)

Congratulations to our Hickory Public Schools Teacher of the Year! Kris Williams Holbrook from Oakwood Elementary won this amazing honor! The Teacher of the Year gets to drive a new Toyota for the entire year. Kris is a former member of Emmanuel and the daughter of Jim and Betsy Williams



Wesley Leonhardt graduated on May 11, 2023 with a Masters Degree in Information Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science. He plans to continue working full-time as a Systems Analyst at UNC School of Medicine Information Technology (IT). Wesley thanks the Emmanuel Lutheran community for their continued support!

Allison Brown Received her Master of Science Degree in Applied Behavior Analysis in June of 2022. Completed certification in January and became a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). She has been employed at the same clinic for three years.









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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Cherry Deal	6/02
Marianne Doehling	6/04
Taylor Eaddy	6/05
Katelyn Leonhardt	6/05
Dorothy Swart	6/06
Malcom Derr	6/08
Amy Rome Kiser	6/08
Bo Harrill	6/14
Charlee Wise	6/15
Millie Propst	6/18
Joe Cline	6/20
Cathy Lounsbury	6/20
Gail Little	6/22
Barbara Mosteller	6/23
Hannah Brooks	6/24
Cindy Robinson	6/24
Pat Cherry	6/25
Judy Jones	6/25
Kees Geerken	6/26
Tom Deal	6/27
Becky Hawn	6/28
Chuck Yoder	6/28
Rusty Rhyne	6/29
Tim Wise	6/29
Ben Robinson	6/30



**NOMINATION FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS**

**NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL CANDIDATES**

The call committee welcomes your suggestion of possible candidates for our next pastor. Only a member of the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America may be nominated. All ELCA pastors, with the exception of your interim pastor, are eligible. The call committee will take all nominations seriously and share appropriate names with the office of the bishop. If a nominee is from a synod other than NC, our bishop will obtain clearance from the nominee's synod.

Please give this completed form to the chair of your call committee. Appropriate names will be forwarded to the bishop's office for consideration.

Forms are available in the North Wing and our website [lifewithemmanuel.org](http://lifewithemmanuel.org)



PSALM 146:2, NIV



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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.