

# VOICE OF EMMANUEL

## SEEDS OF HOPE!



### Highlights of June 13, 2023 Congregation Council meeting:

- An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been ordered for the church. Training will be scheduled in the near future for all church goers to learn how to use this potentially lifesaving equipment.
- For the month of May 2023, offerings exceeded expenses by \$4,782. For the year to date, offerings have exceeded expenses by \$2,806.
- Two signs for our parking lot have been purchased and received. These will be used when we have evening services or events so our parking spaces will be available for people attending the church. These are sandwich style signs that will be placed at the two entrances informing people that the lot at that time is for Church Parking Only.
- The property insurance for the church is increasing by \$2,056 per year. This is due to the rising costs of construction which in turn raises the cost of replacing or repairing property should damage occur. The cost increase is effective July 1, 2023.
- A Homebound Training Group Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday June 23 (from May 21) at 9:00 am in the Chapel. This is an information meeting for visiting and taking communion to our homebound members.
- A new members class has been scheduled for Sunday, June 18 at 9:00 am in the Chapel. 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 such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of Emmanuel. They would have all the rights and privileges and duties of membership except for voting rights or other rights ascribed to voting members.
- Emmanuel is being advertised once again in the Lincoln Times- News along with other churches in the community.
- A report for the Synod Assembly held June 2-3 will be in the Newsletter soon. Our delegates were Bob Lake and Dara Jarrett.



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#### ELC Seeds of Hope

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keep members and  
friends together during  
there time of physical  
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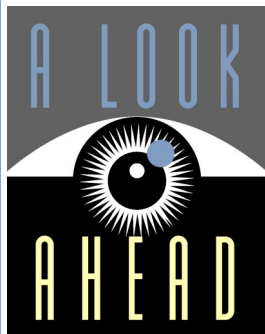
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#### Mission Statement:

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 18

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Betsy Williams awarded the Catawba County United Way "Giving from the Heart Award" for her volunteer time and service to Oakwood Elementary School in Hickory.

HAPPY  
*Father's Day*

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An archeologist, a pastor, and an entomologist were discussing the ongoing search for Noah's ark.

"I have faith that we will find it one day," opined the pastor.

"I agree," said the archeologist, "but you need my scientific skill and expertise."

"You're both wrong," sniffed the entomologist. "I can guarantee that the ark will never be found."

"How can you be so sure?" asked the other two.

"Well, if it's true Noah included two of every critter, then the termites have taken care of the evidence," replied the entomologist.



### ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

St. Paul wrote that suffering produces:

- a. endurance
- b. faith
- c. character
- d. charity
- e. hope



Answer: a, c, and e Romans 5:3-4

## Ministry in Action - June - July

	June 18	June 25	July 2	July 9
Greeters	Glenn Mosteller Barbara Mosteller	Phyllis Scronce Susan Boyd	Milton Rice Linda Rice	Larry Blanc Judy Blanc
Lector	Randy Zimtbaum	Ruth Murphy	John Cromer	Chuck Yoder
Crucifer	Matthew Heavner	Jennifer Huskey	Nayshaun Holiday	Matthew Heavner
Acolyte	Mary Ellen Bridges	Jennifer Little	Jennifer Huskey	Quinlyn Cornwell
Communion Asst	David Bynum	Ben Robinson	Vera Lanier	Steve Lounsbury
Altar Flowers	Susan Boyd	Phyllis Scronce	Smitty and Gail Little	Available

### Monthly Duties June 2023

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

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

## Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Share:** Share your highs and lows

**Read:** Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

**Talk:** Slowly reflect on the reading. This event occurred early in Jesus' ministry when he started preaching and healing. Do you think that Jesus felt overwhelmed with the helplessness of the Jewish people who were coming to hear him and be healed by him? Who are the sheep that Jesus refers to? How do you feel about the image of a plentiful harvest in need of laborers? Do you find these images familiar when you think about driving around in the county looking at the farmers' fields? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by those you need to care for? Do pastors sometimes feel overwhelmed by those they need to care for? Jesus asked the disciples for help in caring for those around him. Do you feel that Jesus is asking you to help in caring for those around you? Isn't this outreach?

**Pray:** Thank you Jesus for caring for the multitudes who surrounded you and were harassed and helpless. We thank you for the example you set for us in caring for others. We ask the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with love so that we can go forth and care for others and proclaim the gospel.

**Bless:** "\_\_\_\_\_, others have cared for you so that you may go forth and care for others.



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)



As you have likely read in the March issue of *Living Lutheran*, the magazine will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. This does not mean, however, that we will stop telling stories of this church when the print magazine ends. Throughout the past several years, [LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org) has been the magazine's online platform, and we are excited about the ways in which we can enhance how you are able to experience the stories and lives of Lutherans throughout the ELCA as we transition to a fully online approach. You will start to see us employing these ways throughout the year, with videos, audio stories and more. This transition will also include a more robust social media presence and more opportunities for user-generated content with the potential for greater engagement from you, our most loyal readers.

The ELCA and its predecessor church bodies have been printing periodicals since 1831, when *The Lutheran Observer* began. Spreading the gospel and sharing the stories of our church have always been at the foundation of who we are as Christians and Lutherans. As many of you probably know, the cost of printing a magazine - including paper, ink and postage prices - has steadily increased, especially during the pandemic, making it difficult to financially support a print edition. Being good stewards of the generous support given to the church is of the utmost importance to our team. While we will no longer print a magazine each month, the sharing and spreading of the good news continues every day.

By focusing on creating more online content and new channels for distribution we will have more flexibly and options for how we tell the stories of this church. Storytelling will still be a the core of this work. We understand there are a lot of questions regarding your subscription, how the ELCA will reach readers who don't rely on the internet for information and how we will assist those who use *Living Lutheran* for church resources and group discussions. We are still working out answers to those questions and will provide them as soon as possible.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



What started as a simple soup kitchen 45 years ago by area churches has become one of Second Harvest's most productive agency partners. Last year, Christian Ministry of Lincoln County distributed more than 631,000 pounds of food.

"We have hard-working people in retail, in restaurants and fast food and all kinds of jobs who are not making ends meet," explained Mitzi Williams, Executive Director. "They need to come here and get food to stretch their dollars. Thankfully, Second Harvest helps us to do that. Between Second Harvest and our member churches, that's how we have the amount of food we have."

Watching people go to the food pantry for the first time, Mitzi said, "They're all afraid. You can see them coming in with their heads down. I think their self-worth goes down. They're exhausted from working every hour they can to get every dollar, yet they still cannot make it.

They're worried about that bill, worried about their child getting everything that they need. And it shouldn't be that way."

Then something beautiful happens when "The people here treat everyone with respect," Mitzi explains. "You see them stand up a little straighter and smile and say, "Okay, I'm going to make it, I'm going to make it through."

"If we did not have access to Second Harvest, our food distribution would go down at least a quarter of the amount that we give out," Mitzi admits. "They have a well-oiled machine down there, and it really helps everyone around.

"Our greatest joy at Christin Ministry is seeing people happy with what they get here, and them recognizing that it took the community to make it happen," - donors, churches, volunteers, and Second Harvest.

Like one man said, "Having this food here, having the vegetables and the meat and the things that you really need, it's a blessing to me in my life." We hope you know that you are making a huge difference every day!"

\*excerpt from Giving Thanks Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina



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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
Paul Robinson	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

### 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)



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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.