

VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



Highlights of July 11, 2023 Congregation Council meeting:

- ◆ An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been purchased by the church. Training will be scheduled in the near future for all interested church goers to learn how to use this potentially lifesaving equipment.
- ◆ For the month of June 2023, offerings exceeded expenses by \$728. For the year to date, offerings have exceeded expenses by \$3,534.
- ◆ Attendance at our Sunday worship services has increased from last year. This June we averaged 86 people in-person, a weekly increase of 12 people from 2022. On-line (Facebook) we averaged 136 views this June, an increase of 57 from 2022.
- ◆ Our sanctuary lighting is in the process of being converted to LED. These should be more energy efficient and produce less heat in the chancel from the large spot lights. This should also provide better lighting for our on-line cameras.
- ◆ Members of the Council have cleaned and organized the nursery and upstairs Sunday School rooms. These rooms had become in disarray over time from being used to store excess items and from the lack of use.
- ◆ A Homebound Training Group Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday June 23 at 9:00 am in the Chapel. This is an information meeting for visiting and taking communion to our homebound members.
- ◆ Our utilities (electricity, natural gas and water and sewer) costs for January -June of 2023 are approximately \$1,500 less than the same time period for 2022. This can best be attributed to better thermostat management and turning lights off that are not in use.
- ◆ A Blood Drive has been scheduled for Friday, August 11 in our Fellowship Hall.



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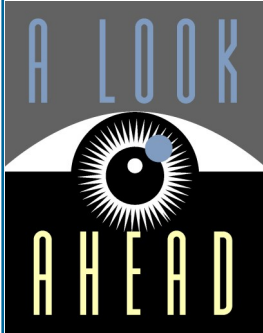
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Mission Statement:

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!*



July 16

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.



How are your gardens growing?

If you have an abundance of fruits and/or vegetables, Christian Ministries of Lincoln County will take your extra crop!

You can take directly to Christian Ministries to help the food bank with fresh food.



THE EARTH HAS
YIELDED ITS
INCREASE;
GOD, OUR GOD,
HAS BLESSED US.

PSALM 67:6



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.

Heavenly Humor

This minister just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made. The first Sunday, he preached only 10 minutes.

The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes.

But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes.

When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk.



The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot.

The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

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

- a. Thaddaeus
- b. Judas Iscariot
- c. Levi
- d. Thomas
- e. Bartholomew



Paying Taxes

Answer: c Luke 5:27

Ministry in Action - July

	July 16	July 23	July 30	August 6
Greeters	Heather Lackey Jan Huitt	Kenneth Pales Nancy Pales	Jim Williams Betsy Williams	Edward Little Doris Little
Lector	David Bynum	Jennifer Huskey	Ben Robinson	Jennifer Little
Crucifer	Available	Nayshaun Holiday	Matthew Heavner	Mary Ellen Bridges
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Mary Ellen Bridges	Jennifer Little	Quinlyn Cornwell
Communion Asst	John Cromer	Randy Zimtbaum	Ruth Murphy	Jennifer Huskey
Altar Flowers	Available	Available	John Lineberger	Available

Monthly Duties July 2023

Councilperson	Cathy Lounsbury			
Altar Guild	Susan Boyd	Cathy Lounsbury		
Ushers	Stephen Lounsbury (Captain)	Ben Robinson Jody Rhyne	Randy Zimtbaum Keith Saine	

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Share: Share your highs and lows



Read: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Here Jesus is addressing his disciples and followers. Do you think that they wondered why everyone who had heard Jesus' message had not become a follower? Do you often wonder the same thing? Do you think Jesus is delivering a hard truth about life in this parable? Do you feel you have been blessed with an understanding of the Word? Do you find the need to remove the rocks and thorns that block the paths of others to faith? Do you find the need to provide the living water so that faith may grow?

Pray: Thank you God for making in us "the good soil" so that the word can grow in us over the years. Make us ever thankful for being able to hear and understand the word. Help us pass the word on to others.

Bless: "_____, you are truly blessed for being able to hear and understand the word of God."

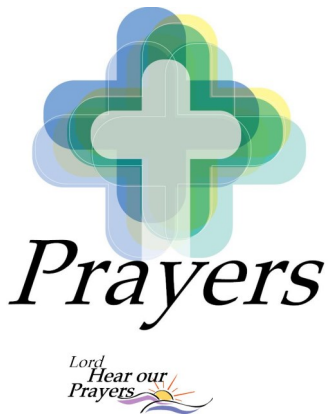


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Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Max Edwards, James Gantt, Suzette James, Betty King, Nancy McCoy, Gary and Susan McConnell, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Pat Wilburn, Rick Norine and family (cousin of 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)



"Thank you to all of you who have called, visited, texted, brought food, and mailed cards during my recent surgery. God blessed me with a wonderful family and now I have a wonderful church family. I miss being at church, but I will be back soon. Thank you for all the prayers for healing. I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and love."

Pat Wilburn



Carl Leatherman is in the Nursing Home, Peak Resources, in Cherryville.

Carl is having a bit of a hard time right now.

I am sure that he would so appreciate any cards, calls and of course visit him in person.

Carl Leatherman
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3000 Dresses

Earlier this spring—specifically, the week of April 17, 2023—St. Mark’s, Claremont, lifelong member, Hazel Setzer, aged 96, met a milestone using the gift of sewing that God had given her in God’s call to her as a disciple. Hazel has worked for many years, sewing quilts at home and with the St. Mark’s quilting ministry, dresses, and other items to use herself and for others. But that week, Hazel sewed her 3,000th dress that will be given to a girl somewhere in the world. With the help of her daughter, Kathy Goodson, who cuts out the fabric pattern for each dress, Hazel sewed and then continued to sew more dresses that will be sent through the organization, Dress a Girl Around the World.

This organization is a Campaign under Hope 4 Women International (a 501c3 nondenominational independent Christian organization) bringing dignity to women around the world since 2006. Each dress has a special patch attached to the front of the dress. This dress with its special patch raises a girl’s dignity as well as how she is viewed by others in her community. It also indicates to predators that this girl is under the care of an organization stopping predators from taking the girl or hurting them. The dresses that Hazel has sewn have gone to Africa and many other places worldwide saving women and girls. Here are a few pictures of the dresses that Hazel has sewn including some of them on the females who received them.

To honor Hazel’s ministry and this milestone, St. Mark’s took a special offering during worship to help Hazel purchase fabric and thread for the new dresses she will be sewing. Fabric and thread costs are rising. Yet over all these years, Hazel through her own money and the gifts of others providing fabric and thread has continued to sew. It is their hope that through this generosity, Hazel will be able to sew many more dresses for many more years to come.

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Randy Zimtbaum	7/06
Donnie Robinson	7/08
Todd Heavner	7/14
Jim Sain	7/14
Johnnie Gonzalez	7/16
Susan McConnell	7/16
Christopher Hoffman	7/18
Mary Rhodes	7/18
Zachary Zagorski	7/18
Andy Deal	7/19
Nayshaun Holiday	7/20
Joe Scronce	7/21
Rhonda Harrill	7/22
Robert Doehling	7/23
Denise Yoder	7/23
Williams O'Dell	7/25
Ashlyn Rhyne	7/25
Ashely Peaslee	7/27
Martin Eaddy	7/29
John Lineberger	7/29
Elizabeth Stone	7/31



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Sunday worship, study and
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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.