

VOICE OF EMMANUEL

SEEDS OF HOPE!



Highlights of July 12, 2022 Congregation Council meeting:

- ♦ Bob Lake was welcomed to Congregation Council. Bob is filling a vacant position on Council and will be chairing the Christian Education Committee. Bob is asking for your input and ideas on how to move forward with Christian Education activities and programs.
- ♦ Emmanuel will host a blood donation drive in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, October 12 from noon till 6:00 p.m. OneBlood (formerly Community Blood Center of the Carolinas) will be conducting the blood donation. It is open to the entire community.
- ♦ Our property insurance premium has increased significantly for this year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) due to the insured cost of replacement for our buildings. This is a result of the spike in the cost of building materials and associated construction costs.
- ♦ Our June expenses exceeded our offerings by \$7,874. For the year our expenses have exceeded our offerings by \$16,056.
- ♦ The Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee recommended a price increase from \$150 to \$175 for Memorial Plaques due to a price increase from the supplier and engraver. This was approved by the Council. It will not affect those who have prepaid.
- ♦ The Council will be exploring Bishop Tim Smith's challenge to have 70% of the NC congregations participate in the Be the Light Campaign, Welcome the Stranger through Lutheran Services Carolinas. This involves being actively engaged in the resettlement of refugees. Lutheran Services Carolinas is expected to be assisting around 750 refugees in NC and SC with probably 90% of them from Ukraine. We will be exploring in what capacity Emmanuel can partner in that effort. The Synod is conducting informational sessions in July and August.
- ♦ The Outreach Committee is scheduling a tea with members of Emmanuel and some other congregations to plan how to best minister and coordinate with Battleground Elementary School students, staff and teachers. Battleground is a school with a high percentage of students from lower income families. The tea is scheduled for July 27. Contact Julie Leonhardt for more information.



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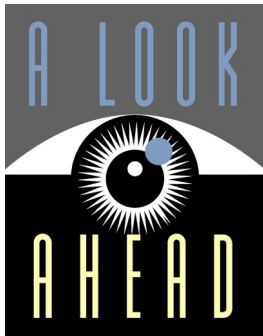
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Mission Statement:

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 17

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”- to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

Teresa Greene graduated cum laude from Lincolnton High School June 4th, 2022. Teresa is the granddaughter of Robert and Carole Lake and has participated in several Emmanuel Lutheran programs including quilting camp and God's Family Table.

She has served the community locally and regionally through mission work with her home church First Baptist Church in Lincolnton. She has also mentored tweens this past year through the Tween Scene group facilitated by her mother through Convergent Counseling and Consulting.

Teresa will be attending Catawba College this Fall to study Production Design and is the recipient of the scholarship.

She has been involved in over 35 productions in the area including Lincoln Theater Guild, Cherryville Little Theater, Little Theater of Gastonia, Kings Mountain Theater, The Green Room of Newton, the Hickory Community Theater and Lincolnton High School. She was recognized by her peers as the Most Outstanding LHS Singer for 2022. She also received the 2021-2022 Theater Arts Academic Award for the LHS Drama Club.



The pastor gave a blistering sermon on the sinfulness of gossip.

As two parishioners were leaving one said to the other "Is there rehab for gossiping? I don't need it but I'll tell you who does...."

Congratulations to Katelyn Leonhardt, who was the Co-Captain of the Jr. Marshals at the 2022 Lincolnton High School Graduation Ceremony.

Katelyn will be a Senior next year at Lincolnton High School. She is looking into going into teaching when she graduates.

Katelyn is a member of Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honors Society and Future Teachers of America.

Katelyn also got her Drivers License this year and has been very active with the church being one of our dependable and faithful worship assistants.



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The tea is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27th in the Fellowship Hall at 3 PM.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Who was Epaphras?

1. One of the priests at the temple
2. An associate of the Apostle Paul
3. An associate of the Apostle Peter
4. The Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts is dedicated to him
5. The Epistle of James was written to him



Answer: 2. Colossians 1

Ministry in Action - July / August

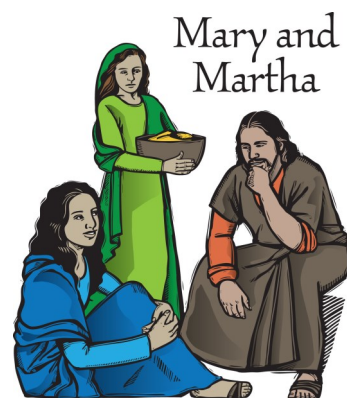
	July 17	July 24	July 31	August 7
Greeters	Heather Lackey Jan Huitt	Kenneth Pales Nancy Pales	Mary Rhodes Dara Jarrett	Edward Little Doris Little
Lector	John Cromer	Chuck Yoder	David Bynum	Jennifer Little
Crucifer	Julie Leonhardt	John Cromer	Matthew Heavner	Mary Ellen Bridges
Acolyte	Katelyn Leonhardt	Jennifer Huskey	Hannah Brooks	Quinlyn Cornwell
Communion Asst	Steve Lounsbury	Beth Collins	Jennifer Huskey	Randy Zimtbaum
Videographer	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey
Altar Flowers	Available	Available	Available	Available

Monthly Duties July 2022

Councilperson	Cathy Lounsbury			
Altar Guild	Sue Zimtbaum	Alison Zimtbaum		
Ushers	Steve Lounsbury (Captain)	Ben Robinson Jody Rhyne	Randy Zimtbaum Keith Saine	

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."



Faith5 Corner: by Pastor Mike

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Luke 10:38:42

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Did anything grab your attention as you read the passage? Stop for a second. Did you really read it slowly? Breathe. Read it again. Our lives are so busy and we are so easily distracted, aren't we? Even when there aren't things that demand our attention, we find things to take us away from the things that are important. This scene is played out so often in so many homes, offices, schools, etc. Some are trying to get all the work done, while others are sitting (figuratively) at the feet of the guest, the boss, the teacher, trying to absorb the meaningful morsels that emanate from them. It seems to be an issue of accomplishment vs relationship. And certainly both are important, but what does this story tell us about what is necessary?

We are all quick to judge the one who isn't pulling their weight, isn't contributing to the division of labor. How many times have you complained out loud or at least in your head, about someone that isn't doing their share of the work? But think about it this way. If you heard a knock on the door right now, and when you answered it, there stood Jesus, how would you greet him? Would you busy yourself with chores that were important, or would you bask in his presence? In awe and wonder, I know what I would be doing.

I think of this in relation to Sunday morning. God promises to meet us in worship, where the Word is preached, and where Jesus offer's us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. God comes to dwell with us together as community, and invites us into that relationship. Yet, we are often too busy doing important things that we forget the one thing that is needed.

Pray: Present Lord, the world is a noisy place vying for our constant attention. There is so much to do. We know our work will never be complete, yet we work at it feverishly. Still us in your presence. Quiet our minds and hearts. Let us rest before you and listen to your voice for you are the better part. Amen

Bless: "_____, be still for God is present."



Every night in every home



highs and lows



a Bible verse or story



about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows



for one another's highs and lows



one another

www.faith5.org





Shirley Barnes, George Boyd, Noah Denton (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, Nancy Pales, Trudy Perkins, Mary Rhodes, Jim Sain, Michael Wright, Pat Wilhelm, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Phil McIlveen (Marianne Doehling's father) James McIlveen (Marianne Doehling's brother), Evelyn Cochran (neighbor of Susan McConnell), the family of 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), Barbara Stillwell (sister-in-law of Rusty Rhyne), 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), Van Davis (brother of Amy Brown), Dinah Barkley (friend of Susan Boyd)



Child Nutrition Free To-Go Meal Information

Summer Meals

BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 11

Free To-Go meals to ANY child or young adult 18 years or younger.

All sites are drive-through sites only. Families are asked to stay in their cars and pull up to the designated area. The drive-through area will be located at the bus entrance of each school.

Parents may go to any school offering these free meals and do not have to go to the school that their child attends. Each day you will receive both a lunch for that day and a breakfast for the following morning. On Fridays, you will receive meals for that day and meals for the weekend. Students do not have to be present. Parents/Guardians may pick up meals to take to students and younger siblings at home.

FREE Feeding Sites:

Battleground Elementary

Norris S. Childers Elementary

Lincolnton Middle

Pumpkin Center Intermediate

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Menus will be posted on our website at www.lcsnc.org.

Please call the Child Nutrition Office at 704-736-4301 if you have any questions.





We are planning on re-starting our Christian Education programs this fall. Bob Lake is leading the effort.

If you have any ideas or wishes, or would like to help with the planning, please contact Bob or Pastor Mike



Join us as we Journey with John!

The 2022 NC Synod Summer Bible Reading Plan is set to begin on Sunday, July 3

Participate in Bible Study in four ways:

1. Subscribe to receive daily e-mails in your inbox. Choose 'click to join' in the footer of the synod's website, nclutheran.org.
2. Like and Follow the synod's Facebook page to see the daily posts in your newsfeed: facebook.com/NCSynod.
3. Download the PDF which includes all the readings. Find it on the ETB webpage: nclutheran.org/congregations/engage-the-bible/
4. New this year! Participate by listening to the Journey with John podcast series available from nclutheransynod.libsyn.com/ or wherever you get your podcasts.

The Summer Bible Reading Plan is brought to you the NC Synod's Engage the Bible Task Group (ETB): a Book of Faith ministry.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Randy Zimbaum	7/06
Donnie Robinson	7/08
Todd Heavner	7/14
Jim Sain	7/14
Johnnie Gonzalez	7/16
Susan McConnell	7/16
Chris Hoffman	7/18
Mary Rhodes	7/18
Zach 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
William O'Dell	7/25
Ashlyn Rhyme	7/25
Ashley Peaslee	7/27
Martin Eaddy	7/29
John Lineberger	7/29
Elizabeth Stone	7/31



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 July 4 - 27.53%

Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of June 11 - 30.26%

Lincoln County current cases as of July 4 - 107

Lincoln County current cases as of July 11 - 176



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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.