

VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



Highlights of August 8, 2023 Congregation Council meeting:

- ♦ The Christian Education Committee is planning on having Sunday School beginning in October. Stay tuned for details.
- ♦ For the month of July 2023, expenses exceeded offerings by \$4,124. For the year to date, expenses have exceeded offerings by \$590.
- ♦ Attendance at our Sunday worship services continues to increase. This July we averaged 79 people in-person, a weekly increase of 15 people from 2022. On-line (Facebook) we averaged 139 views this July, an increase of 33 from 2022. For the year-to-date we have averaged 81 people at worship, an increase of 18 from 2022 and 130 views, an increase of 38 from 2022.
- ♦ The Nominating Committee will meet in August to begin the process of securing nominees for Congregation Council for 2024. It is essential that members step up and take leadership roles in order that our church is able to continue its ministry and thrive.
- ♦ The Pastor is working on putting in place Confirmation that would include several of our young people.
- ♦ Please help with our clean-up day on Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 am. The clean-up will be primarily in our sanctuary, north wing and fellowship hall. By having members clean periodically we avoid having to hire a cleaning service. With enough volunteers, the cleaning can be accomplished in an hour. We have a few dedicated members that clean our offices and education building on a weekly basis. Council Members cleaned the nursery and upstairs Sunday School rooms in July.
- ♦ We are hosting a Blood Drive this Friday, August 11 in our Fellowship Hall. To donate one can sign-up on the Red Cross website.
- ♦ The sign-up closed on August 6 for the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training. 20 people have signed up for the training on Monday, August 14 at noon in the fellowship hall. This will last approximately 1 ½ hours. We plan to have a 20-30 minute demonstration/training after worship one Sunday for those who could not attend the August 14 training.



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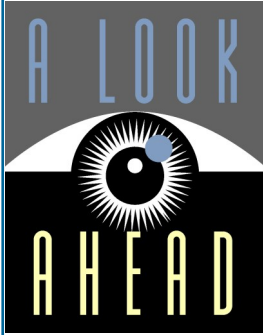
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Mission Statement:

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!*



August 13

Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.



Honor Our Heroes
Give Blood



**Lincoln County Battle
of the Badges Blood Drive
At Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall
216 S Aspen Street
Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Friday, August 11th
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BattleLincoln
or call (704) 735-3500 to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



Along with Warner Bros. & the theatrical release of MEG 2: THE TRENCH, we're saying thanks with a chance to win a 3-night trip to New York, a private shark dive at Long Island Aquarium & more when you come give July 12-Aug. 12! Terms: rcblood.org/shark.



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An elderly couple were killed in an accident and found themselves being given a tour of heaven by Saint Peter.

Here is your oceanside condo, over there are the tennis courts, swimming pool, and two golf courses. If you need any refreshments, just stop by any of the many bars located throughout the area," said Peter.

"Heck, Gloria," the old man hissed when Saint Peter walked off, "we could have been here ten years ago if you hadn't insisted on exercising three times a week and eating that stupid oat bran, wheat germ, and low-fat food!"



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Who were the Galatians?

- a. A Canaanite people who settled in Asia Minor
- b. A Celtic people who settled in Asia Minor
- c. An Etruscan people who settled in Asia Minor
- d. A Hittite people who settled in Asia Minor
- e. A Latin people who settled in Asia Minor

Answer: b



Outreach took the school supplies for the new teachers at Battleground.



A note from Battleground:
The Patriots were blessed this morning by [Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Lincolnton, NC!](#)
Blessed to have the support of these wonderful ladies and church family!



Ministry in Action - August

	August 13	August 20	August 27	September 3
Greeters	Buzz Cherry Pat Cherry	David Bynum Johnnie Bynum	James Gantt Margaret Christopher	Phyllis Scronce Susan Boyd
Lector	Steve Lounsbury	Randy Zimtbaum	Ruth Murphy	John Cromer
Crucifer	Jennifer Huskey	Jennifer Little	Matthew Heavner	Matthew Heavner
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Mary Ellen Bridges	Julie Leonhardt	Jennifer Huskey
Communion Asst	Jennifer Little	Steve Lounsbury	Vera Lanier	Cathy Lounsbury
Altar Flowers	Bob and Carole Lake	Available	Available	Available

Monthly Duties August 2023

Councilperson	Ben Robinson			
Altar Guild	Betty King	Vera Lanier	Rhonda Thompson	
Ushers	Rudy Rudisill (Captain)	James Gantt Guy Rudisill	David Bynum Steve Lounsbury	

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.



The Magnificat

Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

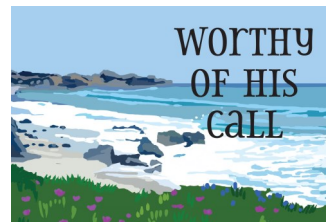
Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Galatians 4:4-7

Talk: There are two interesting teachings in this text. Paul writes about Jesus redeeming those under the law. Who were the people who were under that law? Who were the people that God adopted? Scholars have noted that even though Paul was writing in Greek to people who would read his letter in Greek, Paul writes “Abba! Father!”. The scholars also note abba is Aramaic word and is similar in meaning to our word papa. Is there an implied intimacy in the use of Abba? Does it reflect fatherly love for a child and a child’s love of his or her father? Is Paul saying that we are all children on a loving, intimate God?

Pray: Thank you God for sending Jesus, your son to redeem all of us and making us your children. We cry out to you “Abba, Father” because You love us as your children, and we love You as our father. You love is a true blessing to us.

Bless: “_____, you have been claimed by God as one of His children.”



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Shirley Barnes, Susan Boyd, 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), Doug Norwood (Dara Jarrett), Bill Gibbs Jr. (Amy Brown), Bobbie Robinson (Kirk Herbertson)



What a wonderful time we had on the 6th.

We had great food and wonderful fellowship!

Thank you all for participating and setting up.

Hoping to do this again soon!



Sunday, July 13th



Blessing of Backpacks will take place on *Sunday, August 13th*. All children, youth and teachers are encouraged to bring your backpacks with you to worship so they can be blessed and that each person who comes forward feels the love and encouragement of this congregation.

First day of school for students is August 16.



We will restart quilting on **Tuesday, September 12th** at 9 am in the fellowship hall. **Join us** for fellowship and to help make quilts. **Even if you can't sew** – help to tack, pin, cut, pack, ... Our goal is to ship more than 200 quilts to Lutheran World Relief in early November for distribution worldwide.



If you are unable to join us, you can also help by letting us know when you hear that someone has fabric they would like to donate – especially cotton. We have been most fortunate in the past to receive fabric remnants from a variety of sources that we cut up, sew, and tack into hundreds of quilts. Remnants should at least be 12" square. Thank you.

Contact Carole Lake or Phyllis Scronce for more information or if you can't join us Tuesday mornings but might like to do some work remotely or at another time.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Adam Long	8/01
Tonya Lawson	8/11
David Wise	8/13
Heather Lackey	8/15
Colleen Lounsbury	8/15
Betty King	8/18
Jim Williams	8/18
Emerie Stinson	8/19
Larry Blanc	8/20
Allison Brown	8/25
Mindy Denton	8/25
Jennifer Little	8/26
Hayden Doehling	8/28
Wayne Little	8/29
Michael Hance	8/31



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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.