

VOICE OF EMMANUEL

SEEDS OF HOPE!



Highlights of August 9, 2022 Congregation Council meeting

- ♦ The Council approved a Fall Stewardship Campaign for three items: 1. Maintain Excellence in Ministry – Support of our Pastor and Staff and programs of our church. 2. Increase Deferred Maintenance on our Building – Increase from \$500 to \$1,000 per month funds for our Building Fund Replenishment. These funds are for unexpected repairs or projects related to our property. 3. Responding to Neighbor in Need – Support for Refugee resettlement and local persons in need.
- ♦ In response to The Bishop's Challenge to be involved in the resettlement of a Refugee Family, most likely from Ukraine, many on the Council participated in a zoom meeting by the NC Synod which gave an overview on how congregations can help with the resettlement of around 750 refugees in NC and SC. The Council is asking for more information through Lutheran Services Carolinas on how to potentially start or partner as a "Circle of Welcome." A "Circle of Welcome" is a group of 6-15 people from a congregation or congregations that would work through Lutheran Services of the Carolinas and be the local community support for a refugee family.
- ♦ Our July expenses exceeded our offerings by \$8,124. For the year our expenses have exceeded our offerings by \$24,183.
- ♦ The Council approved being a Charter for Pack and Troop 74 of the Scouts of America.
- ♦ The Red Cross will be using Emmanuel's Fellowship Hall this Friday, August 12 for the "Battle of the Badges". This is a blood donation "competition" between Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and First Responders of Lincoln County. 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 which will be open to the entire community.
- ♦ The Outreach Committee is asking for the following donations for Battleground Elementary School students: Tissue, Disinfectant Wipes,

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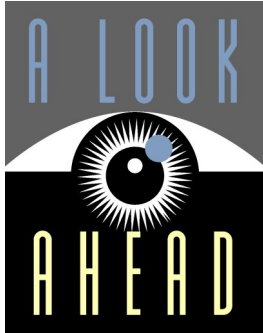
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Mission Statement:

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 14

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

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Baby Wipes, Washing Detergent, Socks and Underwear (boys and girls all sizes). These items can be brought by the church office during the week or placed in the north wing at Sunday worship.

- ♦ The Outreach Committee is making plans for the upcoming school year at Battleground Elementary School. Snacks for students, welcome baskets for new teachers at the school and biscuits for all teachers are just a few of the activities planned.
- ♦ The Lincoln County Community Level for Covid-19 is “High” as is most of NC. Masks will remain optional for worship. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends masks when indoors in public places when the rating is “High”.

LOVE
YOUR *neighbor*
AS YOURSELF.
Mark 12:31



Lincoln County is now at a high transmission rate for the new variant of COVID-19.

Please stay safe out there!





A young Lutheran is playing golf with a priest. At a short hole the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole son?"

The young Lutheran says, "An eight iron, father. How about you?"

The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray." The young Lutheran hits his eight iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7 iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young Lutheran says, "I don't know about you father, but in my church when we pray, we keep our head down."



Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

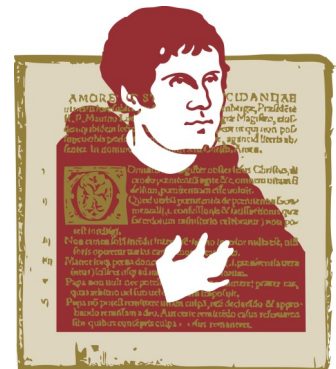
Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

Go to: COVIDtests.gov

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

The first Lutherans in America were from?

1. Denmark
2. Finland
3. Germany
4. Norway
5. Sweden



Answer: 5. New Sweden in 1635 on the Delaware River

Ministry in Action - August - September

	August 14	August 21	August 28	Sept 4
Greeters	Buzz Cherry Pat Cherry	David Bynum Johnnie Bynum	James Gantt Margaret Christopher	George Boyd Susan Boyd
Lector	Ben Robinson	Jennifer Huskey	Steve Lounsbury	Beth Collins
Crucifer	Jennifer Little	Katelyn Leonhardt	Mary Ellen Bridges	Joe Rhyne
Acolyte	Quinlyn Rader	Judy Shuford	Hannah Brooks	Kate Leonhardt
Communion Asst	John Cromer	Cathy Lounsbury	Ruth Murphy	Steve Lounsbury
Videographer	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey
Altar Flowers	Available	Available	Yvonne Cromer	Pat Hance

Monthly Duties August 2022

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

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Faith5 Corner: by Pastor Mike

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Luke 12:49-56

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Did anything grab your attention as you read the passage? Whew! This is a tough passage. Did it make you feel uncomfortable? Why or why not? How does this picture of Jesus correspond to your understanding of who Jesus is and the words he says? When you generally think of Jesus, what is his demeanor?

When we look at the text we are looking at it cold, outside of its context. But here, Jesus has set his face toward Jerusalem, and he knows the outcome. How might that inform his words? What is stirring within you right now as you read these words? How do these words make you feel?

Might this have been a call to choose up sides: those who are with him and those who are not? For Jesus the end was near. This was crunch time, either you were with him or you were against him. He wasn't trying to protect anyone's feelings. This was literally a matter of life and death for the sake of the world. So the question is, "Who will we follow?" Where does our allegiance lie?

Pray: Lord Christ, you want more from us than to merely play church, to go through the motions. To truly follow you has real life consequences. It may very well put us at odds with our friends and family. Give us courage to stand for you, and with you for the sake of our neighbor. Amen

Bless: "_____, you are a child of God."



LUKE 12:49, ESV



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

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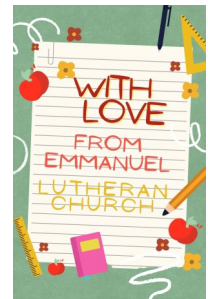


Shirley Barnes, George Boyd, Noah Denton, Hannah Brooks, Polly Bryant, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, Marianne Doehling, Page Doehling, Cecelia Driscoll, Paul Driscoll, Martha Duncan, Max Edwards, James Gantt, Betty King, Nancy McCoy, Nancy Pales, Trudy Perkins, Mary Rhodes, Jim Sain, Michael Wright, Pat Wilhelm, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Phil McIlveen (Marianne Doehling's father) James McIlveen (Marianne Doehling's brother), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), 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)



Emmanuel is continuing to sponsor Battleground Elementary this year along with other area inter-city schools.

In addition to Breakfast Biscuits the 1st day of school and the Monthly Birthday celebration with Battleground Teachers with cakes and goodies we will need to supplement Battleground's requested needs for this month... Items like tissues, disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, washing detergent, socks underwear (boys/girls all sizes) and snack items for the classrooms.



Please contribute this month to Battlegrounds needs!

Thank you for Everything you do!!



We offer our Christian Sympathy to the family of Kathy Cromer, whose father William Smith passed away on Thursday, August 4.

May God's comfort surround them and the hope of the resurrection bring joy to us all.



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

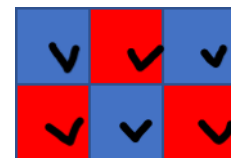
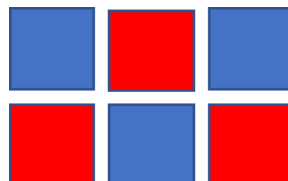
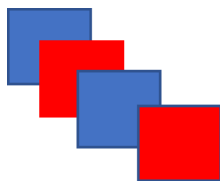
After a very long break, **we would like to restart Quilting for Lutheran World Relief and are asking for your help.** We need anyone who would like to help with this worthwhile mission. There are several options for contributing – onsite in the Fellowship Hall as well as remotely, weekly or as time permits.

During the break some work has continued – squares have been cut, tops and bottoms sewn together, and new fabric contributions sorted. **Thanks to everyone who has supported this effort!**

For those who might be unfamiliar with our mission, we use donated fabric to create patchwork quilts – a very simple and straightforward process. Each year, the quilts are boxed up and shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution worldwide. On occasion, we have diverted some of the quilts in support of local disaster relief.

What's our process to make a quilt of 5 x 7 12" squares:

1. Cut 12" squares. We were sad to lose our champion square cutter – Jean Kiser – during the epidemic. We have tools available to loan out if you are willing to cut squares and would prefer to do it at home. Kits will be available through the church office.
2. Lay out squares to form quilt tops. This is done on site.
3. Sew squares together to form a top – onsite or remotely if you have a sewing machine.
4. Cut quilt backs to size - onsite.
5. Pin together quilt tops and backs - onsite.
6. Sew quilt tops and backs together, turn right side out and topstitch the edges.
7. Tack quilt tops and backs – usually onsite but could be done remotely. To tack: hand sew a cotton thread front to back and back to front and tie in a knot, in each square.



Stay tuned for more details next week. Contact Carole Lake at 908-675-7290 or gmaknits2017@gmail.com if you would like more information before then or have questions.

Suggestions/feedback are welcome. Note: we will follow whatever Covid rules for Emmanuel are in place.

Thanks in advance: Carole Lake, Phyllis Scronce, Susan McConnell, and Beth Collins



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Adam Long	8/01
Peggy Seagle	8/07
Anthony Eadie	8/11
Tonya Lawson	8/11
Pat Wilhelm	8/12
David Wise	8/13
Heather Lackey	8/15
Colleen Lounsbury	8/15
Betty King	8/18
Jason McConnell	8/18
Jim Williams Jr.	8/18
Emerie Stinson	8/19
Debbie Tapia	8/23
Allison Brown	8/25
Mindy Denton	8/25
Jennifer Little	8/26
Wayne Little	8/29
Michael Hance	8/31



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 31- 31.68%

Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of August 8 - 29.02%

Lincoln County current cases as of July 31 - 247

Lincoln County current cases as of August 8 - 286



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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.