

VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Summer is quickly coming to a close, and with that begins a new season of music ministry in the life of our church. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** will resume in the Choir Room at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

Lutheringers Rehearsal will resume in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 07, 2022.

WELCOME
BACK, CHOIR

Music is an important part of who we are and who God created us to be. We're all wired uniquely. We have different gifts, strengths, and favorite styles of music. Scripture encourages us to find the music that allows our hearts to sing and connect to God. Music that honors God will cause our hearts to sing, and when our hearts sing, worship happens. We're transformed on the inside as we're filled with the Spirit and devote everything we are to worship, praise, and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father.

Worship is the most vital thing we do at Emmanuel, and Music Ministry lies at the heart of our worship. Children, youth, and adults are all welcome to share their time and talent, no experience necessary. If you like to sing, or play an instrument, join us!

Blessings,

John M. Lineberger
Director of Music



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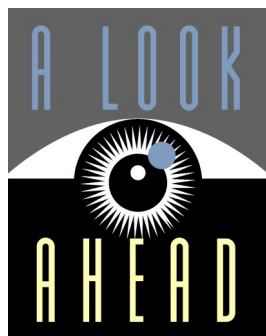
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Mission Statement:

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 21

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.



Blessing of Backpacks will take place on **Sunday, August 28, 2022**. 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.

After the 10:00 service please join us for light refreshments in the North Wing.

Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	.	.	.	.	.	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn	.	.	.	.	.	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn	.	.	.	.	.	The Church's One Foundation
Golfers Hymn	.	.	.	.	.	There's a Green Hill Far Away
Optometrist's Hymn	.	.	.	.	.	Open My Eyes that I Might See
Gossip's Hymn	.	.	.	.	.	Pass It On

And for those who speed on the highway –

55 mph.	.	.	.	.	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph.	.	.	.	.	Nearer My God to Thee
85 mph.	.	.	.	.	This World is Not My Home
95 mph.	.	.	.	.	Lord, I'm Coming Home



Denominational Falling

When a Baptist falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "God must have been calling me to take the elevator."

When a Methodist falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience, how do I learn from it?"

When a Catholic falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that."

When a Presbyterian falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was inevitable, I'm glad it's over."

When a Lutheran falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Who pushed me?"



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Which of the following theologians asserted that there are dogs in heaven because God loves his creation and wants us to be happy in heaven?

1. Karl Barth
2. Dietrich Bonhoeffer
3. Thomas Merton
4. Paul Tillich
5. N. T. Wright



Answer: 2 Bonhoeffer made this assertion as he consoled a young boy on the death of the boy's dog.

Ministry in Action - August - September

	August 21	August 28	Sept 4	Sept 11
Greeters	David Bynum Johnnie Bynum	James Gantt Margaret Christopher	George Boyd Susan Boyd	Todd Lanier Vera Lanier
Lector	Jennifer Huskey	Steve Lounsbury	Beth Collins	Randy Zimtbaum
Crucifer	Katelyn Leonhardt	Mary Ellen Bridges	Joe Rhyne	Matthew Heavner
Acolyte	Judy Shuford	Hannah Brooks	Kate Leonhardt	Mary Ellen Bridges
Communion Asst	Cathy Lounsbury	Ruth Murphy	Steve Lounsbury	Jennifer Little
Videographer	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey
Altar Flowers	Available	Yvonne Cromer	Pat Hance	Available

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	

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of
evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my
holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing
your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights
of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your
ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Faith5 Corner: by Pastor Mike

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Isaiah 58:9b-14

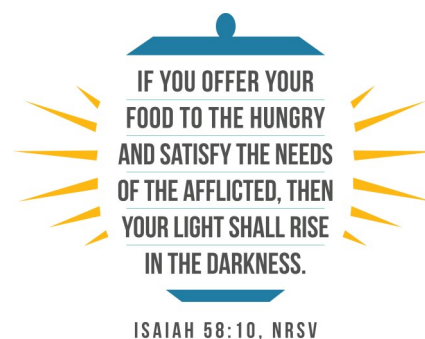
Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Did anything grab your attention as you read the passage? Have you ever done something nice for someone and felt like you received a blessing? Often when we reach out beyond ourselves to offer love and compassion in real and concrete ways, we begin to feel something stir within us, that the Holy Spirit is active and alive.

When you read through this passage do you read it as prescriptive or descriptive? We often tend to read it as prescriptive, that the Lord will do good things to us or give us good things only when we do good things to others. Or that if we don't do good things, God will continue to keep us in the dark, parched, and weak boned. But is that how God works? Is that really what this texts says?

When you allow God to work in and through you, isn't there refreshment in that? Don't you feel renewed. The words of Isaiah describe what it means to live in the Lord. When we recognize what God is doing in our lives we are free to share that grace with others, and in doing so we, too, are blessed.

Pray: Righteous Lord, too often we place ourselves on the throne of your kingdom, judging who is in and who is out, determining the value and fate of those around us. Yet, you call us out and set us on another path. Restore us by your mercy that we, too, can find our place among the forgiven and redeemed. Amen

Bless: "_____, God has refreshed you in grace."





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)



Hi! My official AKC name is Lady Abigail II, but you can call me Abby, everyone does. I have been living with Bob and Carole Lake ever since I leaped into Carole's arms as a little puppy. I am an eleven-year-old, pure-bred Boston Terrier. I like treats, and people, and treats, and car rides, and treats, and being next to one of my parents (Bob and Carole). Oh, did I mention that I like treats? The past couple of years have been rough on all of us. I lost my best friend, Betty, an Italian Greyhound. She was 17 when she died. Here are pictures of Betty and of Betty and me hanging out.



I also lost my boyfriend, Rocky, a Boston Terrier who lived next door. I don't have a picture of him. Maybe my Mommy can get me one.

Since I am a Boston, I cheer for the Red Sox, the Patriots, the Celtics, and the Bruins. I also root for Wofford College teams.



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief is open to anyone who

- wants to learn / refresh the basics of quilting, or
- is interested in learning to sew/tack/cut, or
- would just like to help with our mission.

Also welcome: older children and any men who might be interested (I know you are out there!).

Traditionally, we meet once a week in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9 – 11:30 am. We usually meet January through May and September through November. As I mentioned before, we will be offering some options for working from home for those who are not able to join us in person. More on this in another article.

Quilts are picked up in early November for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. Recall that we display some of the quilts in church and Pastor Mike blesses them before shipping.



We hope you will seriously consider joining us. Contact Carole Lake at 908-675-7290 or gmaknits2017@gmail.com if you would like more information. 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 August 8 - 29.02%

Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of August 15 - 32.26%

Lincoln County current cases as of August 8 - 286

Lincoln County current cases as of August 15 - 207



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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.