

# VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



## Highlights of September 13, 2022 Congregation Council meeting:

- ◆ The Council approved a Fall Stewardship Campaign at the August meeting for three items: 1. Maintain Excellence in Ministry – Support of our Pastor and Staff and programs of our church. 2. Increase funding for Deferred Maintenance on our Building for unexpected repairs. 3. Responding to Neighbor in Need – Support for Refugee resettlement and local persons in need. Materials are being prepared to promote and explain this campaign. Please begin thinking about your giving for 2023 as Emmanuel strives to be a vital and vibrant part of God's Kingdom and a light in the community.
- ◆ In response to The Bishop's Challenge to be involved in the resettlement of a Refugee Family, most likely from the Ukraine, Emmanuel has indicated an interest in possibly being or partnering 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 August expenses exceeded our offerings by \$1,049. For the year our expenses have exceeded our offerings by \$25,466.
- ◆ The Council approved a Charter representative from Emmanuel for Pack and Troop 74 of the Scouts of America. The Council approved being a Charter of the Scouts at the August meeting.
- ◆ A Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from noon-6 p.m. at Emmanuel. Consider donating blood as Emmanuel hosts this important life-giving event.
- ◆ On Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25 the Outreach Committee will be collecting food for Christian Ministry and Candy for the annual Trick or Treat Drive-thru. The youth will be at the north wing of the church Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and at the church service Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to collect the donations of food and candy.
- ◆ The Council approved an ad hoc committee to review the policies and guidelines of the use of our church facilities by non-members. There have been some incidents lately to warrant a review to make sure we have the proper guidelines in place for use by non-members.

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### ELC Seeds of Hope

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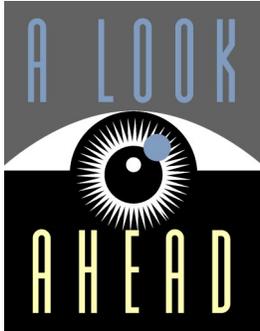
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### Mission Statement:

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!*



September 18

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

- ◆ The Nominating Committee is looking for council nominees for the upcoming year. If you have considered or feel led to serve in a leadership role, please contact the Pastor or church office. We especially need someone willing to chair the Youth Committee.
- ◆ *The Council received and approved Pastor Mike’s letter of resignation/retirement. With strong emotions the Council expressed sadness for his leaving and joy for he and Beth on their new venture (retirement). His letter is being sent to all members. His last Sunday will be November 6, 2022.*

Our Pastor’s  
**RETIREMENT**

 A decorative graphic featuring colorful balloons and a blue ribbon-like shape.


*We offer our Christian Sympathy to the family of  
Bertie Bassett  
who passed Tuesday, 9/13/2022.*

*Please keep Steve and the rest of her family in your  
prayers during their time of loss.*

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



Three little boys discovered they were about the only ones in their playgroup who weren't baptized, so they decided to do something about it.

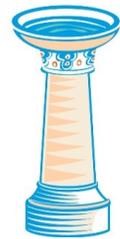
They went to the nearest church, but only the custodian was there. "I'll baptize you," he said, and one at a time he dunked their little heads in a toilet bowl.

When they got outside, one of the boys asked, "What religion do you think we are?"

The oldest one said, "We're not Katlick, because they pour the water on you. And we're not Babtis, because they dunk all of you in the water."

The middle boy said, "We're not Methdiss, because they just sprinkle water on you."

The littlest one said, "Didn't you smell that water?! I think we're Pisscopailians."



### ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

What happened to the thirty pieces of silver that the chief priests paid to Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus?

1. Judas returned the thirty pieces to the chief priests who declared it blood money but put it back into their treasury anyway.
2. Judas returned the thirty pieces to the chief priests who declared it blood money and used it to buy a potter's field.
3. Judas returned the thirty pieces to the chief priests who declared it blood money and used it bribe Roman officials
4. Judas returned the thirty pieces to the chief priests who declared it blood money and used to pay for more guards because they felt threatened.
5. Judas returned the thirty pieces to the chief priests who declared it blood money and used it to make temple repairs.

Answer: 2, Matthew 27: 3 - 7

## Ministry in Action - September

	Sept 18	September 25	October 2	October 9
Greeters	Ben Robinson Emily Robinson	Rudy Rudisill Paulette Rudisill	Leon Harmon Keith Saine	Susan McConnell Phyllis Scronce
Lector	Ruth Murphy	John Cromer	Chuck Yoder	David Bynum
Crucifer	Nayshaun Holiday	Jennifer Little	Jennifer Huskey	Joe Rhyne
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Quinlyn Cornwell	Katelyn Leonhardt	Mary Ellen Bridges
Communion Asst	David Bynum	Paula Turner	Beth Collins	Ruth Murphy
Videographer	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey
Altar Flowers	Available	Lounsbury	Available	Available

### Monthly Duties September 2022

Councilperson	Julie Leonhardt			
Altar Guild	Beth Collins	Cathy Lounsbury		
Ushers	Steve Lounsbury (Captain)	Rudy Rudisill Jody Rhyne	Randy Zimtbaum Ben Robinson	

### Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

## Faith5 Corner: by Pastor Mike

### 15th Sunday after Pentecost



Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Luke 16:1-13

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Did anything grab your attention as you read the passage? Some passages of scripture are really enriching, others are really enraging, while still others, like this one, are really confusing. For over 2000 years the church has been wrestling with what it means. What on earth are we to make of it?

You, like many, might be tempted to skip to verses 10 – 13, but hang in there, ponder the text. Who are the characters? What is the scene? Why isn't the manager removed immediately? Why does he still have access to the books? He is making deals to remove debt that is owed the rich man, would you later trust the manager if he "helped" you out by cooking the books in your favor? Who are the children of this age? Who are the children of Light? What is dishonest wealth?

Some commentators have suggested that Jesus uses this parable to keep his listeners truly engaged, to continue to seek meaning in and through the text, but that there is no "right" answer. Do you find that plausible? Why? Why not? As confusing as it is, why do you think Jesus said it, and Luke included it in his Gospel?

Pray: God of wisdom, give us insight into your word. Grant us clarity and inspire us by your teaching. Guide us into the way of truth that we may follow faithfully. Amen

Bless: "\_\_\_\_\_, you are at home in Christ Jesus."



Every night in every home



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# Prayers



Shirley Barnes, George Boyd, Blakely Deal, Noah 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, Paula Turner, Kae Wright, 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), Randy Cherry (Brother of Buzz Cherry), Nancy Skeeters (in-law of Jenny Watson), Nan Muddle, Barbara Stillwell (sister-in-law of Rusty Rhyne), Tommy London (father 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), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), Hilda Yager (aunt of Tonya Lawson), Larry Clark (John Lawson)



What a wonderful return to LWR quilting we had Tuesday morning! Several new quilters joined our returning crew, including Kees Geerken who cut many squares for us. Great progress was made at all stations – sewing, tacking, pinning and cutting – towards our goal of having 100 quilts ready to ship to Lutheran World Relief in early November. We missed you if you could not make it this week and hope you will join us next week or in the future, as you are able. If you would like to do some work off-site, please contact one of us and we will work to get you set up.



We hope you have a great week – Carole Lake, Phyllis Scronce, Beth Collins, Susan McConnell







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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Brittany Doehling	9/02
Carole Robinson	9/03
Emily Robinson	9/04
Norah Gonzalez-Herrera	9/06
Diane Saine	9/07
Angie Byrd	9/08
Mary Kate Link	9/08
William Bynum II	9/10
Meredith Shuford	9/12
Brady Wise	9/13
Charlotte Zagorski	9/16
Guy Rudisill	9/17
Linda Yoder	9/20
Kennan Eaddy	9/23
Katherine Geerken	9/23
Suzette James	9/23
Dana Cline	9/24
Susan Boyd	9/25
William Cline	9/26
Sara Little	9/26
Margaret Christopher	9/27
Chase Lackey	9/28
Buzz Cherry	9/28
Rhonda Thompson	9/29



### 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 September 5 - 21.23%*

*Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of September 12 - 25.35%*

*Lincoln County current cases as of September 5 - 187*

*Lincoln County current cases as of September 12 - 147*



PSALM 146:2, NIV



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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.