

VOICE OF EMMANUEL

SEEDS OF HOPE!



"Little is much when God is in it, labor not for wealth or fame; There's a crown, and you can win it, if you go in Jesus' name."

From September 2010 until September 2015 I served as Organist and Choral Accompanist at Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, NC. Every year as autumn approached, we would enter what the pastor referred to as stewardship season. The first Sunday of this season would always close with the hymn, "Little Is Much When God Is in It," the chorus quoted above. I didn't think much of it then, being somewhere between 17 and 22 years of age. All I recall thinking is that the tune was incredibly "hokey."

Seven years later as autumn approaches and I compose this article, this hymn comes to my mind. Each person that participates in the body of believers that make up Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lincolnton, brings a gift to Christ's table. Each gift looks different and comes in many forms: time, talents, money, etc. All are valuable, and vital to the ministry of our church. It is these very gifts that knit us together as a church, and make us one in Christ. Allen Pote's anthem describes this beautifully:

"Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord, make us whole."

As our church approaches a new season in its history, your gifts are needed now more than ever. 'With what shall you come before the Lord?' Not only do we need to support our church and each other with our gifts, we need to continue to support our community and those in need. No matter the size of what we have to offer, our reward is promised to be great.

Because the question has arisen, I would like to offer some assurance that though Pastor Mike is retiring, I will, indeed, remain in ministry at Emmanuel. I will continue to offer my gifts to our Lord, and to you, the people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. So let us all arise together and celebrate the past eleven years of ministry with Pastor Mike- the many gifts offered to our Lord; and let us also arise and look ahead to our future, for God is calling us.

"In the harvest field now ripened there's a work for all to do; Hark! The voice of God is calling to the harvest calling you. Little is much when God is in it, labor not for wealth or fame; There's a crown, and you can win it, if you go in Jesus' name."

Blessings,

John M. Lineberger
Director of Music



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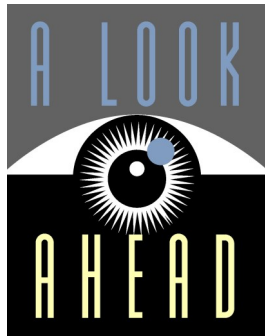
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Mission Statement:

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!*



September 25

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.



We offer our Christian Sympathy to

The family of Glenn Mosteller Jr. and Marvin Hoover who passed on September 16, 2022.

Please keep Glenn and Barbara Mosteller and Phyllis Scronce and the rest of the families in your prayers during their time of grief.

May God grant the Mosteller and the Hoover families the peace that passes all understanding and the hope of the resurrection.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

After Jesus death and resurrection, the apostles went out throughout their world to preach the gospel. According to tradition, which apostle went to Spain and became the first martyr?

1. Nathanael of becaCana
2. James, son of Zebedee
3. Thomas, the twin
4. Simon Peter
5. John, son of Zebedee



Answer: 2 James who is known as James the Great and is the patron saint of Spain.

Congregational Meetings Scheduled for November 6 and November 13, 2022

The Congregation Council has scheduled Congregational Meetings for the Sundays of November 6 and November 13, 2022. The meetings will be held at the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the November 6 meeting is to take nominations from the floor for Congregation Council. Nominations from the floor will be in addition to the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

The purpose of the November 13 meeting is to elect members of the Congregation Council for 2023. For 2023 there are five vacancies for a two- year term and one vacancy for a one- year term. Also, at the November 13 meeting we will be approving the 2023 Ministry Spending Plan. The proposed 2023 Ministry Spending Plan from the Council will be available several weeks prior to the meeting.



A distraught man sought the advice of his wise pastor. "I was born blind," he exclaimed, "But some people tell me that if I had more faith I could be healed."

The pastor paused a moment before speaking.

"I see you carry a cane," she said. "Whenever anyone says that, hit them over the head with the cane. Then tell them if they had more faith it wouldn't hurt!"



Reception for Pastor Mike and Beth

A reception for Pastor Mike and Beth upon his retirement from full-time ministry will take place immediately after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 6.

The reception will be in the fellowship hall. Contributions for a monetary gift (love offering) will be accepted by the church prior to the event and can be designated "for Pastor Mike's Retirement". The consolidated monetary gift with contributors will be presented at the reception.



Ministry in Action - September/October

	September 25	October 2	October 9	October 16
Greeters	Ben Robinson Emily Robinson	Leon Harmon Keith Saine	Susan McConnell Phyllis Scronce	Randy Zimtbaum Sue Zimtbaum
Lector	John Cromer	Chuck Yoder	David Bynum	Jennifer Little
Crucifer	Jennifer Little	Jennifer Huskey	Joe Rhyne	Matthew Heavner
Acolyte	Quinlyn Cornwell	Katelyn Leonhardt	Mary Ellen Bridges	Hannah Brooks
Communion Asst	Judy Shuford	Beth Collins	Ruth Murphy	John Cromer
Videographer	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey
Altar Flowers	Lounsbury	Available	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 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Faith5 Corner: by Pastor Mike

16th Sunday after Pentecost



Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Luke 16:19-31

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Did anything grab your attention as you read the passage? “What would it mean for you to be rich, or to win the lottery? Would your life style change? Buy a bigger house? Move to a more desirable neighborhood? Surround yourself with finer things? Would being wealthy distance you from those you deem poor? Would it widen the gap between the haves and the have nots?

With whom do you relate in this parable? The rich man? Lazarus? Is it significant that the poor man is named in the story but the rich man is not? Who is portrayed as the good guy and the bad guy? Do you feel this is justified? Why or why not?

Initially, who seems endangered? Who ultimately finds himself in peril? What could have been done to care for Lazarus? How can the need of the rich man be addressed? What is the point of this parable?

Pray: Lord of compassion, help us see before us the needs of others, and from our great abundance share, that no one goes hungry. Empower us to use our resources for the greater good. Help us to be thankful for the riches you bestow, realizing that they are ours as a gift for the sake of all your people. Amen

Bless: “_____, you are blessed to be a blessing.”



Lazarus & The Rich Man

FAITH
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Every night in every home

SHARE
highs and lows

READ
a Bible verse or story

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

PRAY
for one another's highs
and lows

BLESS
one another

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In this time of sadness we find strength in God and comfort in the warm loving thoughts of others.

Thank you for the calls, cards, and other acts of kindness.

The family of Glenn A. Mosteller, Jr.



October is Emmanuel's Month to collect food for Christian Ministries.

On Saturday, September 24, we will have a drive thru canned food collection in the North Wing from 10 am until 1 pm.

We will be collecting food for Christian Ministries throughout October. This has been a very hard year on Christian Ministries. The cost of food and utilities has gone thru the roof and they are having a hard time keeping up. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to bring canned foods, monetary donations are always accepted. On the Other line of your check just write Christian Ministry. You can drop this off on Saturday, drop in the collection plate or send to the church office.

CM could use these items for the upcoming holidays:
Stuffing mix, cream of chicken soup, diced tomatoes, ketchup, mayonnaise, green beans, tomato sauce, brown sugar





This is Blake Anderson the school counselor at Battleground Elementary School. We are happy to announce that the building is officially open since COVID restrictions have ended. We are looking for adults who are willing to give thirty minutes once a week to come in and eat with a child or read a book with a child. The mentor and mentee will be matched to each other and will meet once a week each week of the school year.

Lunch times are between 10:45-12:55 this year and start in five-minute increments.



If you want to be a reading buddy the times are flexible and can be any time throughout the school day.

I will provide conversation starters and activities that the mentor and mentee can do together if there is a fear of too much silence.

This is a great way to give back to the community and make a connection with today's youth.

If anyone would like to volunteer but cannot commit to 30 minutes once a week still have them reach out and I will be happy to work with them to find a way that they can still serve.

Please let me know if you have any questions or want any additional information!

Blake Anderson
School Counselor
Battleground Elementary
Phone: 704-736-1626 Ext. 24708

All volunteers have to fill out a volunteer form and receive a background check. Please print this form and fill it out and email it back to me or bring it to the school. In the area that says "volunteer area/purpose" just check "other" and write in either reading or lunch buddy. Please also sign up on the [google sheet](#) with what time you would like to volunteer.

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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 12- 25.35%

Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of September 19 - 20.00%

Lincoln County current cases as of September 12- 147

Lincoln County current cases as of September 19 - 158



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.