

# VOICE OF EMMANUEL

## SEEDS OF HOPE!



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### Highlights of October 10, 2023 Congregation Council meeting:

- ♦ For the month of September 2023, expenses exceeded offerings by \$11,299. For the year-to-date, expenses exceed offerings by \$8,420.
- ♦ In-Person Attendance at our Sunday worship services in September averaged 77. This was five more than September of 2022 (72). Our number of views on-line through Facebook in September averaged 167 an increase of 39 from 2022 (128). For the year-to-date we have averaged 82 people at in-person worship each Sunday. This is an increase of 15 from 2022 (67). Our number of Facebook views year to date averaged 138 an increase of 40 views from 2022 (98).
- ♦ The 2024 Proposed Ministry Spending Plan (budget) has been approved by the Council in the amount of \$321,728. The Congregation will vote on the Proposed Ministry Spending Plan at the November 12, 2023 Congregational Meeting immediately before the 10 am worship service. The Plan will be published in the Newsletter and copies will be available in the North Wing prior to the meeting.
- ♦ Emmanuel has three special offerings each year; one at Thanksgiving, one at Christmas and one at Easter. In addition to their regular offering, the congregation is given the opportunity to contribute to these special offerings through Emmanuel. The Council has designated the Thanksgiving special offering for the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence better known as Amy's House/ Amy's Closet. The Christmas offering has been designated for Christian Ministry of Lincoln County.
- ♦ The Church has stackable upholstered chairs that we plan to discard. These are quality chairs but the fabric is ripped from wear and the chairs are no longer needed. These would be nice chairs if the seat and back were reupholstered. They are looking for a new and caring home and will be available in the north wing free of charge.
- ♦ The Property Committee is exploring dusk to dawn LED lights on the Faith Building that would shine in the playground (back of building) and patio (side of building). These are needed for safety reasons.
- ♦ The Stewardship Committee will begin the 2024 stewardship appeal on November 5<sup>th</sup> with a temple talk. Commitment cards with a brochure outlining the 2024 Ministry Initiatives of the church will be mailed soon. The theme of the appeal is "Continuing Our Journey Together". Please give prayerful thought to your commitment and to your giving in 2024. Increasing costs are affecting our programs and ministries of the church.
- ♦ Emmanuel through the Outreach Committee was able to buy 24 students each a book at Battleground Elementary School. Battleground had their Annual Book Fair and these were students that could not afford to purchase a book.

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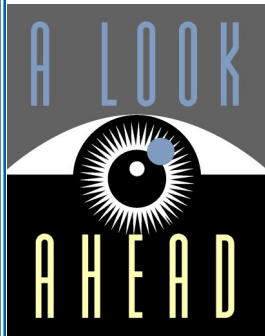
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**Mission Statement:**

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!*



October 15

From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.



*The Hickory Choral Society will perform the final concert of their 45th season.*

**Sunday afternoon, 3PM at Lenoir Rhyne University's P.E. Monroe auditorium.  
Admission is FREE!**

It is recommended that you arrive 30 minutes prior to the performance to secure parking and enough time to find a seat. Dr. Ryan Luhrs (Our former choir director/organist) has entitled this concert theme "*Love and Music Endure*".

The first part of the concert will include brief pieces that celebrate music and singing, ranging from the opening choral fanfare to Spanish, Kenyon, Latin and contemporary styles; all in praise of music and song.

The concert will conclude with "Alzheimer's Stories" a 3 movement work about the first diagnosis, history and rise of the disease and memory loss. A dramatic, music theater-like production with 3 guest soloists telling the story of Dr. Alzheimer, patient #1 and his wife; depicting the anxiety, confusion, frustration and sometimes humor of the disease. The frenetic fugues in the 1st & 2nd movements relent in the 3rd to offer a more hopeful message.

*See Ryan, our former choir director in his element!*

WE NEED CANDY!!!!  
LOTS OF CANDY!!!!

**On Wednesday, October 25 at 5:30 PM** Shannon will be filling the candy bags for the upcoming Downtown Drive thru Trunk or Treat!. Lots of help needed. Last year we had 300 bags of candy and ran out early.

Emmanuel has been asked to hold a Truck or Treat for Battleground Elementary School. The school is providing the candy. The event will be held in their parking lot after their Family Information Night.

***At least 6 cars are needed. Please let me know if you can help!***



A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately homes and beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a rundown cabin.

The man asked St. Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. St. Peter replied, "I did the best with the money you sent us."



### ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Which ELCA synod has the least number congregations?

- a. Alaska
- b. Tennessee
- c. Caribbean
- d. Slovak Zion
- e. Arkansas-Oklahoma



Answer: d with 20



### Stewardship & Giving

Our finances for the year through September show us to have an operating deficit of \$8,420. During this last quarter of 2023 please consider your giving for the rest of the year. The church and its ministry depend on your generosity. The church, like everyone, has experienced higher costs, so please consider raising your offering to help meet these increased expenses. We are blessed with so much.

***Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign will begin in November.*** This is also the time to begin discerning your giving for next year. Please approach this with prayer and grateful hearts. Our worship and ministries are very meaningful to us and to the community. Your offerings will ensure that we can continue to serve our neighbor, worship in our beautiful sanctuary and continue to grow in faith.

## Ministry in Action - **October** - **November**

	<b>October 15</b>	<b>October 22</b>	<b>October 29</b>	<b>November 5</b>
Greeters	Randy Zimbaum Sue Zimbaum	Julie Leonhardt Katelyn Leonhardt	Heather Lackey Jan Huitt	Mary Rhodes Dara Jarrett
Lector	Randy Zimbaum	Steve Lounsbury	Ruth Murphy	John Cromer
Crucifer	Jennifer Little	Available	Matthew Heavner	Jennifer Little
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Judy Shuford	Mary Ellen Bridges	Hannah Brooks
Communion Asst	Jennifer Huskey	Jennifer Little	Steve Lounsbury	Vera Lanier
Altar Flowers	Available	Available	Susan Boyd	Available

### Monthly Duties **October** 2023

Councilperson	Jennifer Huskey			
Altar Guild	Betty King	Rhonda Thompson	Alison Zimbaum	
Ushers	Steve Lounsbury (Captain)	John Cromer Keith Saine	Leon Harmon Glenn Mosteller	

2 Timothy 4:5-11

<sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

## Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**Share:** Share your highs and lows

**Read:** 2 Timothy 4:5-11

**Talk:** Slowly reflect on the reading. Paul was in prison and probably in his mid-sixties when he wrote his second letter to Timothy. Timothy was probably in his mid-thirties. Have you ever been in a position where you felt that you needed to pass on your legacy? Or been in a position where you expected to receive a legacy? Do you think that Paul was content with what he had accomplished? Or do you feel that Paul had a sense of urgency about passing on the faith? Was Paul looking to his disciples to continue his evangelism? What do you think is the best way to pass on the faith to others? Sermons? Sunday school? Or personal witness? How will you pass on the legacy of your faith?

**Pray:** Thank you God for all those who have gone before us. They have kept the faith and passed it on to the next generations. Help us to continue your ministry. Help us to witness to Christ Jesus, Our Savior.

**Bless:** “\_\_\_\_\_, you have had faith in Christ passed on to you. God wants you to pass that faith unto others.”



Every night in every home



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### Congregational Meetings Scheduled

Two Congregational Meetings have been scheduled immediately before the 10:00 am Sunday worship service on **November 5 and November 12, 2023**. The purpose of the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting is to take nominees for the 2024 Congregation Council from the floor. Nominees from the floor will be in addition to the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee's slate of nominees for the 2024 council are: Dan James, Bob Lake, Doris Little, Cathy Lounsbury, and Susan McConnell. These are all for two-year terms. There are five openings in 2024 for two-year terms.

***There is still a need for a nominee to fill a Council vacancy for a one-year term.***

The purpose of the November 12<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting is to elect the nominees for Congregation Council and to vote on the 2024 Ministry Spending Plan. Once the 2024 Proposed Ministry Spending Plan is approved by the Council it will be made available prior to the meeting through the newsletter and with printed copies in the north wing.





Lord  
Hear our  
Prayers

Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, David Bynum, Kathy Cromer, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill has ALS), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Sherri Beam (friend of Julie Leonhardt), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), April Wellman (Susan Boyd), Rosa Guerra (Susan Boyd), Rob Gregor (Susan Boyd), Anita Cable (mother in law Ashley Peaslee), Charles Ferguson (son-in-law Judy Blanc), Doug Norwood (Dara Jarrett), Bill Gibbs Jr. (Amy Brown), Ken Smith (brother of Kathy Cromer), Tom Pllum Caren (Kirk Herbertson), Julianna Rhyne (grand-daughter Rusty Rhyne)

# SWINGTIME!

Enjoy the nostalgia of  
1940's timeless music.  
You'll have a swell time!



## Carolina Style Chorus

Concert and Intermission Dessert Buffet

Tickets \$20/person Get yours now!

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ

217 Second Ave. NE, Conover, NC 28613



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**2023**  
**DRIVE THRU**

**10.31.23 • 5:30p-7:30p**  
(or until supplies last)

**4 Stops Thru  
Downtown Lincolnton**

- 1 Lincoln Cultural Center • 403 E Main St
- 2 First Federal Park • 201 W Poplar St
- 3 First United Methodist Church • 311 E Main St
- 4 Emmanuel Lutheran Church • 315 S Poplar St

**Cost: FREE**

For kids ages 12 and under.  
Participants must be in a car or vehicle to receive candy - NO WALKERS.











If you would like to help hand out candy, please contact Julie Leonhardt.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Alex Rhyne	10/01
Sissy Burgin	10/03
Jeffrey Leonhardt	10/03
McKennley Doehling	10/05
Anthony Doehling	10/06
Laura Dunston	10/08
Toni Hatch	10/09
Jessica Baker	10/10
Kenneth Pales	10/13
Dara Jarrett	10/14
Morgan Brown	10/15
Paulette Rudisill	10/16
Steve Hallman	10/17
Karen Herrera	10/17
Carol Wise	10/17
Billy Brown Jr.	10/23
Patrick Hance	10/23
Jonathan Brooks	10/24
Tara Smith	10/25
James Gantt	10/26
Dwight Hawn	10/26
Betsy Williams	10/26
Amy Brown	10/27
Meghan Brooks	10/28
Mitch Brooks	10/28
Chris Hance	10/28



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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.