

VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



Matthew 22:14

"Meet and Greet" & Congregational Meeting for our Prospective New Pastor

Come and meet our prospective new pastor! The Congregation Council and Call Committee enthusiastically invite you to come to the "meet and greet" event scheduled for **10:00 am on Saturday, December 9, 2023**. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to meet our Candidate and share in the enthusiasm of this exciting step in the life of our congregation. There will be a short devotion in the sanctuary led by our prospective new pastor and then refreshments in the Fellowship Hall and opportunities for one-on-one conversations.

We know everyone is excited to learn more about our prospective new pastor and we are just as eager to share this information with everyone. However, we must be a little more patient out of respect for the current home congregation of our Candidate. We will continue to keep the name of our prospective new pastor confidential until the "meet and greet" on December 9.

A congregational meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, December 10, 2023** at the beginning of the 10:00 am worship service for the congregation to vote on the recommendation to extend a Call to this person to be our next pastor and on the compensation package.

These is an exciting time for our congregation and we highly encourage you to participate in the "meet and greet" so you may get to know the prospective new pastor for Emmanuel.

Ben Robinson
Council President



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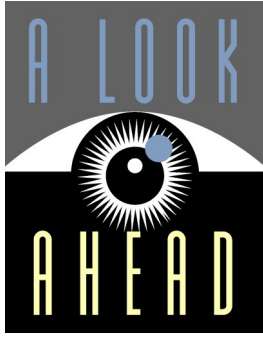
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Mission Statement:

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!*



December 3

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.



Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, James Gantt, Suzette James, Glenn Mosteller, Trudy Perkins, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), 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), Bill Gibbs Jr. (Amy Brown), Ken Smith (brother of Kathy Cromer), J.L. Morris (Susan Boyd), Jay Puckett (Carol Wise), David Richter (Barbara O'Neill), Lenard McIlveen (brother of Marianne Doehling), Vinnie Viscarello (son-in-law Dot Swart), Quaid Mincey (Jennifer Huskey)



Join us for Sunday School!

Adult classes meet in the Parlor.

Children classes in the North Wing.

All Classes begin at 9 AM



Join us for Coffee Hour before services.

Next Coffee Hour will be on December 10





The pastor of a tiny country church had been having trouble with stewardship and tithes and offerings. One Sunday he announced, "Now, before we receive the offering, I would like to request that the person who stole the eggs from Widow Jones's chicken coop please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. God doesn't want money from a thieving sinner."

The offering plate was passed, and for the first time in months everybody gave!



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

We all know how God parted the Red Sea for Moses. God also parted the Jordan River. God parted the Jordan for who?

1. Amos
2. Elijah
3. Elisha
4. Jeremiah
5. Joshua



Answer: 2, 3, and 5



Stewardship & Giving

Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign will begin November 5. This is 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.

We will Dedicate our Pledges on December 10th.

Ministry in Action - December

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24
Greeters	Julie Leonhardt Suzanne Rhyne	Jody Rhyne Ann Rhyne	Milton Rice Linda Rice	Shannon Mitchem Mackenzie Mitchem
Lector	Ben Robinson	Jennifer Little	Steve Lounsbury	Randy Zimtbaum
Crucifer	Jennifer Huskey	John Cromer	Julie Leonhardt	Jennifer Little
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Hannah Brooks	Jennifer Huskey	Hannah Brooks
Communion Asst	John Cromer	Randy Zimtbaum	Ruth Murphy	Vera Lanier
Altar Flowers	Lounsbury	Available	Available	Available

Monthly Duties December 2023

Councilperson	Steve Lounsbury			
Altar Guild	Ruth Murphy	Sue Zimtbaum		
Ushers	Steve Lounsbury (Captain)	Leon Harmon Jody Rhyne	Ben Robinson Keith Saine	

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

First Sunday of Advent

Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Paul usually starts his letters with a greeting and a blessing. In his blessing, Paul seemed pleased with the believers in Corinth. Why was he pleased? Was it their spirituality? Their preaching about Christ? According to Paul, what was the source of the Corinthians' faith? Their knowledge? Their actions? Or was it simply the grace of God? We try to be good Christians waiting for the return Jesus Christ. What will give us strength in these times? Do you feel the grace of God within you?

Pray: Thank you, God, for the grace that You have given us through Jesus Christ our Savior. He strengthens us as we wait for his return.

Bless: "_____, you are part of the fellowship of Jesus.

Christ
 the **POWER** of
 GOD and the
WISDOM of
God
 1 Corinthians 1:24



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Parade of Tables

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Monday, December 4, 2023

6:30pm \$15
Doors open at 6:00

*Join us to decorate the church on
Wednesday, December 6 at 9:30
AM.*

*If we have enough people we should
be able to get it all decorated in
just a couple of hours.*



All
Decked
Out

*Meet
The
Pastor*

*Please join us on Saturday,
December 9 at 10 AM in the
Fellowship Hall.*

*We will have a short devotion in
the Sanctuary, then have a meet
and greet in the Fellowship Hall.*

*We will have a brief meeting
before services on Sunday,
December 10th.*

*We will vote to call the new
pastor and on the compensation
package.*



Congregational
Meeting





Lincolnton High School and Middle School Choral Concert

Monday, December 11th.

*Middle School begins at 6 PM and the
High School begins at 7:30 PM*



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After the concert we will need to do a church clean up.

*Thursday, December 16 in the
Sanctuary at 9 AM.*

*If we get enough help, this should
just take a little bit of time!*



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*Live Nativity Sunday, December 17.
We have three showings at 6, 6:30 and
7 PM*

*If you would like to bring snacks -
please see the sign up sheet.
If you can help anywhere please call
Julie at 704-530-0404*

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*Sunday, December 17 we will
welcome our new members during
service at 10 AM*



**Welcome
Our New
Members**





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Shelly Caffey	12/01
Andy Cline	12/05
Johnnie Bynum	12/08
Pat Mitchem	12/10
Ann Brooks	12/11
Kathy Cromer	12/13
Ronnie Leonhardt	12/13
Cameron Denton	12/14
Mike Collins	12/15
Robert Cloninger	12/16
Lydia Humphries	12/17
Makenzie Mitchem	12/19
Sylvia Wallace	12/20
Ella Denton	12/21
Hayes Dunston	12/21
Tommy Hannon	12/21
Ruth Murphy	12/21
Monica Michael	12/22
David Bynum	12/25
Jeff Cornwell	12/27
Shannon Mitchem	12/27
Stephen Bassett	12/30
Jennifer Huskey	12/31



Thanksgiving Offering

Each year, Emmanuel receives three special offerings (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter) that are designated for ministries or projects beyond the congregation. The Thanksgiving Offering this year has been designated to the **Amy's House** - Coalition against domestic abuse).

This year we have received \$410. to donate to Amy's House



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.