

VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!



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Parade of Tables

December 4, 2023

Women of
Emmanuel Lutheran



We will have all of the
Parade of Tables pictures on
our website
Lifewithemmanuel.org

It may take me a couple of
days for all the pictures to
be online. I will let you
know when it is complete.



Thank you Women of
Emmanuel Lutheran.
What a beautiful night
with wonderful people.

It is so great to be back!

Doris Little, Susan
McConnell and David
Bynum and all of the
people who participated
- Thank You!

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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 10

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.



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)

"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.

This 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





The Out-of-this-World Cup

St. Peter and the Devil were having an argument one day about the outcome of a recent World Cup soccer game. The Devil proposed they settle the argument by hosting their own championship but insisted that the match be played on neutral ground between the select team from the Heavenly Host and his own hand-picked boys. "Very well," said the gatekeeper of Heaven. "But you realize, I hope, that we've got all the good players and the best coaches." "I know, and that's all right," the Devil answered, unperturbed. "We've got all the referees."

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

What did Joshua use to keep the waters of the Jordan River apart?

1. The Ark of the Covenant
2. His Hand
3. His Mantle
4. His Staff
5. Prayers



Answer: 1. Joshua 3: 1-17

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Stewardship
CAMPAIGN

Stewardship & Giving

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.

If you have not turned in your intent cards you can drop in the offering plate, bring to the office or mail to the office. If you send after the December 10th that would be fine. We are looking for 100% completion this year.



Caring for God's Creation

Ministry in Action - December

	December 10	December 17	December 24	Christmas Eve
Greeters	Jody Rhyne Ann Rhyne	Milton Rice Linda Rice	Shannon Mitchem Mackenzie Mitchem	Shannon Mitchem Mackenzie Mitchem
Lector	Jennifer Little	Steve Lounsbury	Randy Zimtbaum	Chuck Yoder
Crucifer	John Cromer	Julie Leonhardt	Jennifer Little	John Cromer
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Jennifer Huskey	Hannah Brooks	Hannah Brooks
Communion Asst	Randy Zimtbaum	Ruth Murphy	Vera Lanier	Cathy Lounsbury
Bible Bearer				Mary Ellen Bridges
Torch Bearers				Shelly Caffey Judy Shuford
Banner Bearers				Ben Robinson
Altar Flowers	Available	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	

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
 He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil;
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff—
 they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.⁶ Surely goodness and
 mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
 my whole life long.



Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake

Second Sunday of Advent

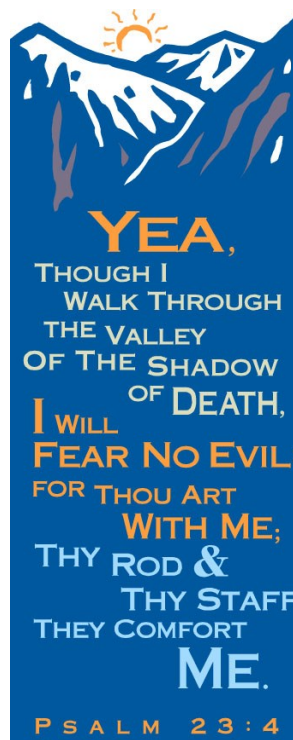
Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Psalm 23

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. We all learned this Psalm when we were children. The image of Jesus as a shepherd is powerful and this Psalm comforts the elderly and those in distress. It comforted me immediately after 9/11. But what about our everyday life with its challenges? Do we find the psalm meaningful as we go about our normal business? Do we lose sight of the psalm's message? Think about what a shepherd does. Does a shepherd continually care for his flock? Even when everything is going well, and the sheep are doing fine? Is Jesus, our gentle shepherd, with us all the time? Should we follow and obey our shepherd in good times and in troubled times?

Pray: Thank you Jesus for being our Good Shepherd. Thank you for never leaving us on our own. Thank you for being with us when times are hard. Amen

Bless: “_____, you are part of God’s beloved flock.”



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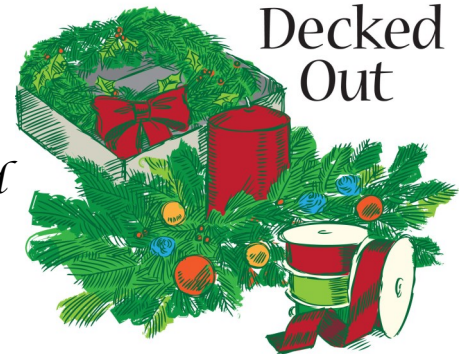
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*Join us to decorate the church on
Wednesday, December 6 at 9:30
AM.*

*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*



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

Saturday, 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*

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



**Welcome
Our New
Members**



10 AM Service - 4th Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Family Christmas Eve Service

8:30 PM Prelude

*Sunday,
December 24*

*9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service*





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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



Each year Emmanuel receives three special offerings (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter) that are designated for ministries or projects beyond the congregation. The Christmas Offering this year has been designated to **Christians Ministries**. If you would like to contribute, you may use your regular offering envelope, or the offering envelopes in the pew rack writing "Christmas 2023" on the other line or on your offering envelope.



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.