



## Emanuel Lutheran Church

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## Sunday Worship:

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

*Pastor Mark Werner*

## **Atlantic Mission Region (AMR) Convocation**

The AMR Convocation will be held Friday, October 18- Saturday, October 19 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Joppa, Maryland.

As part of the Convocation, there will be a **"Stuff the Truck" event for NALC Disaster Response**. Details on enclosed sheet -- Bibles, Gift Cards, Health Kits, School Kits, and Quilts. Items can be dropped-off in Social Hall while we are still worshipping there, then in Church Lobby once we are back in Sanctuary. All donations will be taken to the Convocation to "Stuff the Truck". Please see the enclosed sheet for more information.

## **Confirmation Classes Coming Soon**

Pastor Mark will begin confirmation classes in the fall for those youth who are entering seventh grade or older. Classes will take place during the Sunday school hour each Sunday. If you know of any youth who have not been confirmed, please speak with Pastor Mark.

**LCW Boscovs Fundraiser-** The Women's group is selling coupons for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event on October 16. Coupons are \$5 and valid for 25% off almost all purchases that day.



## **All Saints Sunday**

Remembering the Saints  
Sunday, November 3, 2019

On this Sunday when we specially celebrate our belief in "the Communion of Saints", we will again remember those saints from among us who have died and entered eternity particularly since last All Saints Sunday, November 4, 2018.

In the Bulletin we will list the names and call the roll of ONLY those loved ones who have died since last November and you will be asked to place a white rose at the Altar, lighting a candle in their memory. Please, alert Elizabeth Brooks of any loved one passed away since last November and the date of death as well as relationship to you. White roses will be ordered.

Anyone may order roses and light candles for other deceased loved ones as well who have left us even years ago. Time will be offered at worship Sunday, November 4 for you to come forward, place the rose and light a candle. A White Rose Order Form will be available at Church on Sundays. Deadline for ordering roses is Sunday, October 27.

## **Trunk or Treat**

Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. Members are invited to decorate their trunks, hand out candy and share in the other activities being planned. If you would like to help, please speak with Pastor Mark.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Bobby Hiles	Sarah Romig
Bill Bollentino	Leona Knerr
June Bostwick	Ed Gheysens, Sr
Elaine Williams	Mona Hess
Edna Halter	Barbara Welsh
Nancy Heck	Betty Heil
Jennie Lillie	Pauline Benjamin
Walt Plummer	Betty Lowery
Harry Heck	Holly Hall
Jillian Sayre	Steve Pierangeli
Cookie Weaver	Ron Roedell
Rick Pfeffer	Julie Dodge
Pete Toner	Ed Wiker
Margaret Law	Emma Rutherford
George Moore	Norma Miley
Pastor David	Ruth Peterson
Laurie Betts	Katie Robbins
Kelly Thistle	

### **Offering Envelopes**

Please don't forget Offering Envelopes are convenient, mail-in envelopes in the event you are away from Sunday Worship or you would like to catch up on offering.

Offering needed to date \$ 82,976.25  
Offering collected to date \$ 74,857.00

### **College Corner**

Please remember to keep our college students in your prayers. Notes of encouragement can be sent to:

Matthew Kennedy

Paige Smith

### **Anniversary Planning Committee**

If anyone is interested in serving on the planning committee for the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church, please speak to a council member. While it is seven years away, and that may seem like a long time, careful work is needed so that the story of our ministry may be told well.

### **TELEPHONE CHAIN**

Patsy Madden  
(856) 935-5552



### **SPECIAL DATES**

Happy birthday greetings for October are wished for:

- 8 Addison Rinnier  
Kate Gheysens
- 20 Ben Pasternak
- 25 Karen Wirsing
- 27 Alivia Huff

Celebrating wedding anniversaries are George and Elizabeth Shimp on the 1<sup>st</sup> and Terry and Kathy McAllister on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

May you all be blessed with a happy special day and a wonderful year to follow.

## Pastor's Perspective

Jesus was engaged in conversation with the religious leaders of his day. Such conversations grew to become opportunities for the Pharisees to try to trick Jesus into some false teaching that could be used to not only discredit Jesus but to put him to death. One of those conversations is recorded in the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to Mark. The Pharisees ask Jesus, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" (Mark 10:2).

Jesus uses this conversation to affirm God's intended purpose for family relationship, starting with the union of one man to one woman. Jesus said, "But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

Throughout the history of the church, this teaching of marriage has been affirmed and taught. It is only relatively recently that some churches have fallen into false worldly teachings on marriage. As a congregation in the North American Lutheran Church, we stand on upon the Biblical teaching that has been established by God from the very beginning.

Article 6 of The Common Confession, the Appendix to the NALC Constitution, summarizes the Scriptural witness to God's will for marriage and family:

"We believe and confess that the marriage of male and female is an institution created and blessed by God. From marriage, God forms families to serve as the building blocks of all human civilization and community. We teach and practice that sexual activity belongs exclusively within the Biblical boundaries of a faithful marriage between one man and one woman."

This above quote is contained in our newly revised wedding guidelines that are now available. We hope to have these guidelines on the church website soon. The council approved our wedding guidelines after much work and input from the Worship and Music Committee.

If you or someone you know is interested in getting married at Emanuel, I encourage them to contact me as soon as they know the date of their marriage, that I may provide the appropriate guidance through the pre-marriage counseling as well as assist in their preparation for their big day. The guidelines we have established include appropriate listings of scripture and hymns for the wedding service, use of the property, related fees, etc. Yes, I will officiate at weddings where neither the bride nor the groom is currently members of Emanuel. That said, they will be expected to follow the guidelines.

Additionally, there are opportunities for couples to enjoy a weekend together and away from the kids through Lutheran Marriage Encounter. These weekends serve to provide a check-up and support for a couple's marriage. Amy and I have participated in Encounter weekends and are willing to share more information with you. You will see information about Marriage Encounter Weekends in upcoming issues of the Acolyte.

God bless,  
Pastor Mark

## HOSPITAL/PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member has been admitted to the hospital, please contact Pastor Mark at 856-521-0771 or 724-244-4248. As a result of HIPPA Privacy Rules, most hospitals no longer inform churches of admissions, even if you specify a church affiliation on your paperwork. A call from you or a family member is the only way we will know.

## FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

If you are in need of a luncheon following a loved one's funeral at Emanuel, contact any member of LCW and we will help coordinate it for you.

## OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Susan Shields

## OCTOBER USHER

Jason Cobb  
Jimmy Cobb

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**October 10-** Evangelism Committee will meet in the Social Hall at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**October 18-19-** Atlantic Mission Region Convocation- Joppa, MD

**October 25-** Trunk or Treat 6-8pm

**October 27-** 1:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Wayne Knerr, President.....2020  
Patsy Madden, Vice-President.....2022  
Cindy Cairone, Corporate Secretary.....2022  
Anette Manno.....2020  
Jason Cobb.....2020  
Wayne May.....2021  
Brenda Mace.....2022  
Elizabeth Brooks, Recording Secretary, Bookkeeper  
Dianne Hermanson, Financial Secretary  
Elizabeth Brooks, Church Secretary

## COMMITTEES

**Christian Education**.....Helen Cobb, Wayne Knerr  
**Fellowship**.....Brenda Mace, Anette Manno  
**Finance**.....Terry Cellmer  
**Mutual Ministry**.....Judy Cellmer  
**Property**.....Wayne May, Jason Cobb  
**Stewardship**.....Wayne Knerr  
**Witness/Outreach/Evangelism**.....Judy Cellmer  
Patsy Madden, Cindy Cairone  
**Worship/Music**.....Patsy Madden  
**Cemetery**.....Wayne May

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