



## Emanuel Lutheran Church

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## Sunday Worship:

Lakeside Service 8:30 a.m.  
Facebook Live Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

*Pastor Mark Werner*

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## CALLING ALL GRADUATES

It's graduation time again and we would like to include a little write up in the July Acolyte for all the graduates at Emanuel. I'm sure we have some family members, young and old, who have graduated from grade school, high school, college or grad school. Please give your write ups to Elizabeth Brooks before the July publication deadline, June 26. You can give them to her at church or email them to [office@emanuelelmer.church](mailto:office@emanuelelmer.church) We are looking forward to reading about all their accomplishments.

## EMAIL LIST

If you are not receiving email updates from the church, and would like to be added to the email list, please email your name and phone number to [office@emanuelelmer.church](mailto:office@emanuelelmer.church)

## PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

If you need to contact Pastor Mark during this time, please remember you can call him on his cell phone at 724-244-4248, his home phone 856-521-0771 or email him at [revmaw98@gmail.com](mailto:revmaw98@gmail.com)

## OFFERING

Please remember you can mail your offering into the church at PO Box 363, Elmer, NJ 08318. You can send offering weekly or monthly.

## MESSAGES OF THANKS

*Thank you to everyone who came out to help celebrate my 50th birthday. It was definitely a surprise. The card shower and many greetings certainly make me feel loved. -Amy Werner*

*Thanks to all the church family that came out at Ed's funeral. Thanks for all- so many cards that came to the girls and myself. Such an out pouring of love. Thanks to God for his perfect timing through it all. So glad Friesburg came into my life in 1968- Love you all dearly. Thanks for a great ride.  
-Rene*

## FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES

Links to the Facebook Live services can be found on the church's website under Church News.

## Pastor's Perspective

“All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful, but not all things build up. Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.” 1 Corinthians 10:23-24

There is a tendency when reading the New Testament, particularly the book of Acts, to romanticize the life of the early church. I mean, who wouldn't be excited to see the church grow by three thousand persons in one day (Acts 2:41). However, not all was rosy in the life of the early church. They dealt with persecution by Rome and Jewish leaders. They dealt with the skepticism of unbelievers who did not believe the witness of the disciples. They also dealt with conflict within the church.

One of the conflicts that arose in the church in Corinth strangely enough surrounded food. There was a practice among the unbelievers in Christ, that certain foods should be offered to idols. After the dedication of such foods (meat), they would be served for any to eat. This meant that Christian friends would be served meat to idols. The question became, should we or should we not eat this food? Is it a violation of the first commandment? Here is how Paul addressed this question.

*Therefore, as to the eating of food to idols, we know that an idol has no real existence, and that there is no God but one. For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. 1 Corinthians 8:4-7a.*

Paul goes on to make the point that for those who are young as it relates to their faith, that to eat food dedicated to idols may become a barrier to their faith. As a result, although there is no spiritual benefit to eating such food, for the sake of the neighbor, one should abstain from eating such food. So, what does this have to do with life today?

The issue is how we do something we might ordinarily not out of love for our neighbor, particularly the use (or non-use) of masks. Like many things over the past three months there was changing guidance. At first, we were advised that the average person did not need to wear a mask. Now we are told that anywhere you go where social distancing is not possible, you should wear a mask. I am unaware of any store or business in New Jersey where you can go without wearing a mask. The recommendation to wear a mask may continue for quite a while. Store policies may continue where people are required to wear a mask aside from government mandates.

While I have deep concerns about how some of our rights as citizens have been imposed upon, I do not think the decision to wear or not wear a mask falls into that category. There are many people who are susceptible, not only to COVID 19 but some other virus, given their age or because of underlying health concerns. With our eyes we can see individuals who are older and more susceptible. But keep in mind, that we could see someone who on the outside looks “like the picture of health” but at perhaps a higher risk of illness due to comprised immune system.

There are a lot of things we can (and do) complain about. But in this climate where we still are learning about the spread of a particular disease, let us err on the side of loving our neighbor by wearing a mask in public, if not for our personal benefit, but for theirs. It is one way for us to do as Jesus said. “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.” John 13:34-35.

God bless,  
Pastor Mark

## PRAYER LIST

Bobby Hiles	Sarah Romig
Leona Knerr	Joe Sparacio
Elizabeth Shimp	George Shimp
Elaine Williams	Mona Hess
Edna Halter	Betty Heil
Pauline Benjamin	Rick Pfeffer
Ruth Peterson	Nancy Wilson
Kelly Thistle	George Moore
Ron Roedell	Walter Richman
Harold Tyson	Richard Pierson
David Duffield	Rob Innes
Harry Heck	Nancy Heck
Beverly Tomarchio	Nina Pompper

## SPECIAL DATES

Happy Birthday greetings to the many folks celebrating in June:

1	Kyle Knerr	22	Laura Pratt
2	Kristina Hess		Donald Scheese
9	Mary Kennedy		Lindsey Jacob
10	Evan Harding	24	Nancy Cobb
13	Marion Layton		Penny Welch
14	Kathy McAllister	26	Elizabeth Shimp
15	David Cobb, Jr.	28	Allison Cox
16	Libby Cobb		
21	Trent Cellmer		

Have a wonderful special day and a blessed year to come.

### 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 \$ 70,805

Offering collected to date \$ 53,723

**SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM** The purpose of this team will be to look at ways we can provide safety to all members and visitors to our congregation for worship and other church activities. If you are interested in serving on this team, please speak to Jason Cobb, Brenda Mace or Pastor Mark.

**THE 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE** If you are interested in helping plan our anniversary celebration please speak to Kyle Knerr.

## TELEPHONE CHAIN

Patsy Madden  
(856) 935-5552



## 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 for you. The family is asked to supply the entrée and the LCW will provide the sides, desserts, beverages and set up.

## JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Anette Manno

## JUNE USHER

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Wayne Knerr.....2023  
Patsy Madden.....2022  
Cindy Cairone.....2022  
Anette Manno.....2023  
Jason Cobb.....2023  
Steve Kennedy.....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**.....Wayne May  
**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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