



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship:

Lakeside Worship at 8:30 am
Sanctuary Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
in-person and via Facebook live
The Rev. Mark A. Werner, Pastor

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a community of faith, leading people to Christ.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Join us at the Lakeside each Sunday morning at 8:30 as we worship our Lord in the midst of his creation. Be sure to bring a chair!

Worship in the Sanctuary continues at 10:00 each Sunday morning with both in-person attendance and live streaming.

Whichever you prefer, please join us to rejoice with our good and gracious God for all He continues to do for us. Your life is precious to Him!



The LCW picnic will be held at the Scheese Pavilion on July 13 at 6:30 pm. LCW will provide the fried chicken. All ladies are asked to bring a covered dish and their own place settings. A business meeting will also be held during the picnic. Please let Susan Shields know you are coming to ensure there is enough fried chicken for everyone!

FELLOWSHIP EVENT

A game night is will be held on Friday evening, July 9, beginning at 6:30 in the Social Hall, hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Make plans to join us as we gather in community for fun and fellowship once again. Bring your favorite game or playing cards and a snack or appetizer to share. Beverages will be provided.



JULY HAPPENINGS AT EMANUEL

July 6 – Council Meeting in Social Hall at 7:00 pm
July 7 – Weekly Bible Study via Zoom at 7:00 pm
July 8 – Evangelism Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm
July 9 – Game Night at Social Hall
July 10 – Alloway Prayer Breakfast at Social Hall
July 11 – Food Pantry Day
July 13 – LCW Picnic at Scheese Pavilion
July 14 – Weekly Bible Study
July 17 – Terry Cellmer Memorial Service
July 18 – Baptism of Swayer Pasternak at 10:00 am
July 19-23 – Pastor chaperoning at Camp In-Tents
July 21 – Deadline for Acolyte article submissions
July 26 – Worship & Music and Tractor Sunday Task Force Meeting at Social Hall at 7:00 pm
July 27 – Discussion of upcoming NALC issues with Pastor Mark via Zoom at 7:00 pm
July 28 – Weekly Bible Study

TERRY CELLMER MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Celebration of Life service for Terry Cellmer will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 17. Come and support Judy and her family as we remember Terry and his faithful service to our Lord.



Pastor's Perspective

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2

Allow me to take you back to the beginning of April 2020. The pandemic had basically shut down most of the nation. We were under restrictions many of us never thought we would see. There was a great shift toward doing as much as humanly possible to not only protect each other from a virus that we didn't know much about at the time, but to adapt our work, socialization and family life to as much virtually as possible. Some people referred to this as the "new normal."

I'll admit that I really don't like those two words. Frankly, most people I know don't like those two words. Thus, over the next year and a quarter there was the push to do everything possible to return to normal. We continue to hear people on various news outlets speak about getting vaccinated so that we can all return to normal. In many places, we have returned to normal, at least to a way of life prior to the pandemic.

As for those of us who follow Jesus, we should not be in a hurry to return to normal. Normal, as evident in the world in which we live, is marred by envy, gluttony, greed, lust, pride, sloth, and wrath. Certainly, I could have picked other words but the list of the seven deadly sins is such that we all have them in common. "For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23) These sins are called deadly for they lead to death of the individual, death of relationships, death of communities, and yes, even to an eternal death.

Now, as Lutherans, we know that all sin makes us worthy of God's judgment. While the earthly consequences of our sins vary drastically, the eternal consequence of our sin is the same. We justly deserve God's wrath. The good news is that God does not delight in the death of anyone. Continuing on from Romans 3:24, "(We) are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation (a way of making us right with God) by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

In other words, Jesus died so that we would not return to a normal way of life, at least a normal way of life as defined by the world. Rather, having been saved by grace through faith in Jesus, we are transformed to a new way of living. This way of living described in Romans 12 is a way of life that discerns what is the will of God, what is good, acceptable and perfect.

What exactly does that look like? In the current Bible study on the seven deadly sins, we are looking not at the sin itself as much as we look at the way we are called to live.

- Instead of envy, followers of Jesus live out kindness and gratitude.
- Instead of gluttony, followers of Jesus practice self-control or proper stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.
- Instead of greed, followers of Jesus are called to love.
- Instead of lust, followers of Jesus are called to live faithfully to God and to our spouse or for those who are single, practicing self-control which is faithful to God's Word.
- Instead of pride, followers of Jesus are called to humility and goodness.
- Instead of sloth, followers of Jesus are diligent in their life with Christ, practicing the love of neighbor our Lord demonstrated in John 13 when he washed the disciples' feet.
- Instead of wrath, followers of Jesus practice patience.

This is one way of looking at what a transformed life will look like. There is also another way that is closely related, that you'll also find in the 12th chapter of Romans. But alas, that will be part two (or the August edition) of this Pastor's perspective.

God bless, Pastor Mark

(See last page for July's Bible verses)

THOUGHTS OF HOME

Twice in the last two weeks, the Bible verse in my devotional has been my favorite one that I've talked about before. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. *John 14:2 (KJV)*". There are different perspectives we can gather from this verse.



Thought #1... We all have been on vacation and many have returned to our hometown, and as we enter the area, so many memories flood our thoughts that hopefully remind us of happy times gone by. It is such a fun time there, but when we return home we find comfort in the familiar sights, sounds and scents of home. Sleeping in our own bed, sitting in our favorite chair, surrounded with things we know. But remember, no matter how comfortable we are, we are not really home...yet.

Thought #2... We see gorgeous houses with perfect landscapes and think how great it would be to have one like it. But...that's nothing compared to what our heavenly mansions will look like! When Jesus welcomes us into heaven and takes us to our new home, it's beauty will be overwhelming and no matter how comforting and beautiful our earthly home was, our heavenly mansion will be more wonderful than we can imagine plus, additionally, we will be free from pain, worry, fear and sin. That also reminds me of the hymn "*When we all get to Heaven.*" If you are not familiar with it...look it up. It is a good one!

Patsy Madden

MEN'S "MANCAVE" UPDATE



What is Mancave? It's a time for the men of the church to get together and spend some quality time. What will we do? That's to be determined at our first meeting which is set for Saturday,

September 11th, at 9 am at the church Social Hall. We, as a group, will decide how we want to spend the time, but suggestions to be discussed include sharing close moments, prayer, concerns, etc. We, as a group, will decide on the direction we wish to take. Mark your calendars now for the 2nd Saturday of each month for some quality man time. More info in the August Acolyte.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

At its June 15 meeting, Council approved a Discretionary Fund for assisting with special needs. Following are the guidelines developed and approved for this fund.

The purpose of this fund is to assist congregation members with important needs. Families or individuals related to an active member of Emanuel may be considered.

The Emanuel Lutheran Church Discretionary Fund will be a separate fund of the congregation.

Each check disbursement requires two signatures. In most circumstances payments will be made directly to the vendor or agency. Documentation is needed from the recipient.

The Pastor will make a determination regarding the need and how much to give toward that need. The Pastor may also consult the Executive Committee of council or the full council as needed.

One thousand dollars from the congregation's budget each year may be used to start the fund and to replenish the fund. Members of the congregation may also make a specific contribution to the fund. This money will be put into the Emanuel Lutheran Church Discretionary Fund.

This fund shall be audited yearly.

All disbursements from the fund shall be held in strict confidence.

The Pastor and his family are not eligible for disbursements from this fund.

These guidelines were adopted by the Congregation Council of Emanuel Lutheran Church on June 15, 2021

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!

Check out the option for online giving through our website. It is convenient, flexible and efficient and helps you stay up-to-date with your support of Emanuel. Set up your account the way you want, weekly, monthly or a one-time donation. Change it at any time. No more offering envelopes, no more checks, no more making sure you have cash in your pocket on Sunday morning. (Offering envelopes may continue to be used.) Why not give it a try?

Check it out on our website at

www.emanuelelmer.church.

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

By Pr. Brian Triller

At age 68, I am going back to school. I'll be doing it online from my home. Together with about 30 other members of our denomination, I am going back to school to learn how to do two things better: how to follow Jesus daily and how to guide other people in following Jesus daily.

Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, ascended to heaven about 2,000 years ago, where He is seated at the right hand of the Father. However, Jesus is also present and active in the world, even though we cannot see Him as He was seen by people from the time He was born until when He ascended into heaven.

When the risen Jesus commissioned His first disciples to go and make more disciples, He made this promise to them and to all who would follow Him in the future: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b ESV) And so this Jesus whom we follow is Emmanuel—God with us. He is at work every day, continuing "his mission to redeem and restore all people to his Father's kingdom." (*Joining Jesus on His Mission: How to Be an Everyday Missionary*, by Pr. Greg Finke, page 22)

Jesus desires that we follow Him so we can join Him on His mission, assisting Him as the Holy Spirit leads us to do this. In order to follow and assist Jesus, we need to hear Him speaking to us through His Word, and we need to recognize how He is at work around us.

Over the next five months, my classmates and I will be learning together how to hear Jesus better and how to be more aware of the ways in which He is at work around us. Learning how to do these things has a two-fold purpose. It will help us learners in following Jesus daily, and it will help us to guide others in following Jesus daily.

Between now and December, I plan to write an article in *The Acolyte* every month so I can share with you some of the things my classmates and I are learning. I ask you to keep us and our guides/instructors in your prayers, that together we may learn what our Father in heaven wills for us to learn in the days ahead—all to His glory!



ALLOWAY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our congregation will host this meeting on Saturday morning, July 10. An assortment of breakfast foods is needed. If you are interested in helping, please see Pastor Mark. The prayer breakfast is open to all who wish to participate.

NALC DELEGATE NEEDED

The convocation of the North American Lutheran Church will be held on Wednesday, August 4 through Friday, August 6 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Expenses for attending the convocation are covered in the congregation budget. The Convocation is a time for Bible study, hearing about the varied ministries of the NALC, time for informal conversations with other pastors and lay people, opportunity to look at resources from various vendors and partner ministries, and the voting on important issues in the life of our denomination. As a delegate you go representing the congregation. If you wish to serve as our delegate, please speak to a council member or Pastor Mark, preferably before the next council meeting on July 15th.

In preparation for the NALC Convocation, Pastor Mark will lead a discussion of upcoming issues facing the NALC on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. This will be a time for you to give your input to me and our delegate on the matters coming before the convocation.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep these individuals in your prayers for health and healing.



Sarah Romig	Leona Knerr
Elizabeth Shimp	George Shimp
Elaine Williams	Mona Hess
Edna Halter	Betty Heil
Pauline Benjamin	Rick Pfeffer
George Moore	Harold Tyson
Joe Snowden	Kevin Ulhand
Nancy Heck	Rex Cobb
Dawn Colonna	Julie Sapp
Wayne Wright	Wayne May
Lucy Colon	Cindy Condello
Mary Ellen Knerr	Joan Halter

If you have a prayer concern to be shared with the congregation, please email Patsy Madden at pbmadden11479@gmail.com or call her at 856-935-5552.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

If you need to contact Pastor Mark for any reason, 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

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Wayne Knerr, President 2023
Patsy Madden, Vice President 2022
Cindy Cairone, Corporate Secretary 2022
Anette Manno 2023
Mike Clarke 2024
Jason Cobb 2023
Steve Kennedy 2024
Brenda Mace 2022
Sarah Wilson, Treasurer
Elizabeth Brooks, Bookkeeper
Dianne Hermanson, Financial Secretary, Office Secretary

COMMITTEES

The following committees are part of the mission and ministry of Emanuel. Anyone is welcome to participate on a committee. If you are interested, contact one of the chairpersons listed below or the church office.

Anniversary Committee Kyle Knerr and Cindy Carione
Christian Education Helen Cobb and Wayne Knerr
Fellowship Brenda Mace and Anette Manno
Finance Sarah Wilson and Mike Clarke
Mutual Ministry Brenda Mace and Steve Kennedy
Property Jason Cobb and Wayne May
Safety & Security ... Jason Cobb and Brenda Mace
Stewardship Wayne Knerr and Mike Clarke
Witness/Outreach/Evangelism .. Patsy Madden and Cindy Carione
Worship & Music Patsy Madden

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

While five years seems like a long way away, the time will pass quickly. To date, the committee has already met three times with brainstorming discussions. The next meeting will be mid-September. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome. We are looking for ideas or stories about our history including newspaper articles, memories and memorabilia. In addition to ideas and memorabilia, funding will be needed to support events and activities. **Donations to the Anniversary Committee may be made by marking your check or envelope Anniversary Fund** for any funds you may wish to contribute. If you have anything to share, please join us or call Kyle Knerr.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is hoped that Sunday School classes will resume in the fall for both children and adults.

During this summer, Pastor Mark continues the Wednesday evening Bible Studies via Zoom. Please let him know if you want to be included so you can receive the Zoom invitation. We are in the midst of studying the seven deadly sins. Interesting!

PROPERTY

There are approximately twelve toppled and broken tombstones that are being repaired at a cost of \$350. Mowing is \$4,000. If you would like to help defer these expenses, please do so by making a check payable to **Friesburg Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund** and placing it in your giving envelope or giving to Wayne May. Your generosity is appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP

2021 YTD Financials through May 2021

YTD Income:	\$88,600.70
YTD Expense:	\$66,916.61
YTD Net Income:	\$21,684.09

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, LCW is not currently providing funeral luncheons. This topic will be considered at the July meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We are in the process of preparing an updated directory of members and friends of Emanuel. To ensure we have the correct information for your family, please provide us with your names, address, phone numbers (including cell), and email addresses. A form for this purpose is on the back page. When completed, it can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office at P. O. Box 363, Elmer 08318.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following folks celebrating this month.

1 Cindy Cairone	25 Troy Cellmer
6 Rylee Doerr	Philip Bourquin
18 Lily Pasternak	John Bourquin
	28 Kristen Jacob

May you all enjoy a happy special day and a blessed year to follow.

JULY ALTAR GUILD

Cindy Cairone

TELEPHONE CHAIN

Patsy Madden (856) 935-5552

EMAIL LISTING

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

ACOLYTE DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting articles for the August Acolyte is July 21. This is your newsletter, a means of sharing ideas and thoughts. If you have something to share or an idea for an article, let us know by speaking with Pastor Mark or sending an email to office@emanuelelmer.church



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JULY BIBLE VERSES

- July 1* – As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. 2 Chronicles 7:1
- July 2* – Keep my commandments and life; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye. Proverbs 7:2
- July 3* – So his brothers said to him, ‘Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. John 7:3
- July 4* – And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: Revelation 7:4
- July 5* – And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ Mark 7:5
- July 6* – For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. Deuteronomy 7:6
- July 7* – But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation, my God will hear me. Micah 7:7
- July 8* – For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:8
- July 9* – Thus says the Lord of hosts, Tender true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another. Zechariah 7:9
- July 10* – My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. Psalm 7:10
- July 11* – Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. Isaiah 7:11
- July 12* – And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. Genesis 7:12
- July 13* – And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ Luke 7:13
- July 14* – if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14
- July 15* – There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. Mark 7:15
- July 16* – And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever. 2 Samuel 7:16
- July 17* – For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to the springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:17
- July 18* – The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. Genesis 7:18
- July 19* – He will have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19
- July 20* – Now if I do what I do not want, It is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. Romans 7:20
- July 21* – In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. Luke 7:21
- July 22* – This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. Hebrews 7:22
- July 23* – You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. 1 Corinthians 7:23
- July 24* – And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile. Exodus 7:24.
- July 25* – But immediately a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Mark 7:25
- July 26* – And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. Matthew 7:26
- July 27* – He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Hebrews 7:27
- July 28* – And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. 2 Samuel 7:28
- July 29* – I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me. John 7:29
- July 30* – Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. Acts 7:30
- July 31* – To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? Luke 7:31

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Name		<u>Email1</u>	<u>Mobile#1</u>
Address		<u>Email2</u>	<u>Mobile#2</u>
City Zip			Home Phone#
Please provide your email for church related communication. If you do not want it published in the directory, please indicate "do not publish"			