

The Acolyte

October 2021



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday Opportunities:

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
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.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS AT EMANUEL

October 2 – Elmer Harvest Festival
October 3 – Sunday School resumes
Baby Bottle return
LCW Meeting after worship
October 7 – Ruritan dinner at Social Hall
October 9 – Men’s Group in Social Hall at 9:00 am
October 10 – Food Pantry Sunday
Cornerstone Women’s Ministry
presentation during worship
October 12 – Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
October 16 – Alloway Prayer Breakfast at 7:00
– Seed Group meeting at 9:00
October 20-23 – Pastor attending NALC Executive
Council and AMR Convocation
October 27 – Acolyte deadline for November
October 29 – Trunk or Treat at Social Hall
October 30 – ELC float at Alloway parade

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The Anniversary Committee continues to meet and make plans for the celebration of our 300th anniversary during 2026. Ideas, information, memories and financial support are welcomed, **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.



TIME TO RETURN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!

Be sure to bring your filled baby bottles back on Sunday, October 3. Christy Burnham from Cornerstone Women’s Ministry will join us on October 10 to share information about the important ministries this organization offers to women of Salem County.



TRUNK OR TREAT!

October 29 at 7:00 p.m. is Trunk or Treat time at Emanuel. There will be friendly competition for best trunk decorations. Get those costumes on, bring the kids, and enjoy an evening of fellowship. For additional information, please see Burgandy Wilson.



OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday greetings for October to:

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



Celebrating a wedding anniversary are Terry and Kathy McAllister on the 10th. May you be blessed with a happy special day and a wonderful year to follow.



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS!

The soup kitchen is still operating as “take-out” only. People come in two at a time, pick up their dinner and exit by another door. It’s not the best and meals have declined, but right now it’s what is necessary. People, both clients and workers, miss the banter back and forth when they are eating inside. We have some interesting conversations as they go through the food line.

Pastor is still purchasing those industrial size cans of veggies (it takes three to fill a pan) and meat, broth and such. Right now, we have \$1,009.59 on hand, waiting for him to make his September/October run. We at the Soup Kitchen are very grateful for the generosity of Emanuel. It helps to make for special meals each day. When I was there last Thursday, they had crabcakes. Come on down Thursday between noon and 1:00 and pick up a meal and see how well the clients are fed!

Nancy Cobb

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Dear Pastor Werner and Emanuel,

It is with deep gratitude that we extend our sincere thanks for helping to make Terry’s Celebration of Life service the way he would have wanted it to be. Whether it was your kind words, a loving hug, a thoughtful card, your serving and/or providing refreshments for the meet and greet afterwards, your attendance at the service, and most importantly, your prayers, they were all instrumental in helping our family achieve the closure we so patiently waited for.

Terry is at home with our Lord and buried near the church and church family he so dearly cherished. Thank you, Pastor Mark, for all your guidance and support, as well as your uplifting message that day, and to our beloved family friend Wayne Knerr, for your tribute to Terry with your God-given talent of a beautiful voice.

God’s blessings to each and every one of you,

Judy, Troy and Kat, Trent and MaryKate and grandsons, Denis, Nolan and Austin.



OCTOBER MEN’S GROUP

A few good men met on Saturday, September 11, to organize a men’s group at ELC and discussed thoughts and ideas for ministry. Since it was the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attack, Pastor Mark shared a special scripture for discussion. Ideas were reviewed, such as hosting an Easter or Mother’s Day breakfast. Currently, we are gathering items to assemble flood buckets for NALC Disaster Response at our next meeting.

A few more good men are needed to help us in serving the congregation and community moving forward. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 9, at 9:00 a.m. and join us for some food, fellowship and feedback. Many hands make light work. Contact Allan Hermanson via email at aahermanson@comcast.net or by phone at (856-832-4400) with your suggestions or questions.

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The next meeting of LCW is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, immediately after worship. All ladies are welcome. You may want to bring a sandwich as we discuss upcoming opportunities and events. All meetings will be held after church in November, January and February.

Current scheduled activities are the Ruritan dinner on October 7 at the Social Hall. Wawa tickets will soon be offered again. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for exact dates. We are once again prepared to offer help with funeral luncheons. If you are in need of one following a loved one’s funeral at Emanuel, contact any member of LCW, and we will help coordinate it for you.

LCW is an active group of ladies involved in several ministries of the congregation. We are currently collecting items for backpacks and health kits for NALC Disaster Response.

STEWARDSHIP

Financials through August 2021

YTD Income: \$123,992.70

YTD Expense: \$103,738.47

YTD Net Income: \$20,254.23

2021 yearly budgeted Income/Expense
\$165,009.00

ANNUAL ATLANTIC MISSION REGION CONVOCAION

The focus of this year's convocation is *The Fullness of God's Worship*. Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nazareth, PA will host the event Friday, October 22, through Saturday, October 23. Topics include:

- Women's Conference
- Informal Bible Study
- Stuff the Truck!
- Election of a new AMR Dean

For questions or additional information, speak with Pastor Mark or Wayne Knerr.

AMR WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to the Atlantic Mission Region Women's Conference on Friday, October 22, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Evangelical Church in Nazareth, PA. The theme of the gathering is **CARING...BEARING...SHARING**.

Our own Amy Werner, the NALC Facilitator for our Region will be leading the conference. There will be a presentation by Mary Bates, Director of the NALC Disaster Response. You can register at <https://atlanticmissionregionnalc.regfox.com/2021-womens-conference>. For any questions, see Amy Werner.

There will be a "hands-on" service project where health and school kits will be assembled for NALC Disaster Response. Emanuel has been gathering items to help complete this project.

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

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BELONGING TO GOD'S FAMILY

Pr. Brian Triller

Our congregation is a blessed community, a local family of faith. And we belong to an even larger family, the family of God. People become members of God's family by being baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. By entering the family of God, people become sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus came into the world to win for all humankind the forgiveness of our sins, so we could be restored to right relationship with God the Father. Jesus won this forgiveness for us and for all people by dying on a cross and rising to new and everlasting life. Every person who is baptized receives this forgiveness, is restored to right relationship with God the Father, and is given the gift of eternal life.

Although God's family already has many, many members, our Father wants it to continue growing. In John 3:16 (NIV), we hear His Son proclaim: "*For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that **whoever** believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*" God loves the world. That means He loves everybody. And He has room in His family for **whoever** believes in His Son Jesus.

In Mark 16:16 (NIV), Jesus gives this promise: "***Whoever** believes and is baptized will be saved.*" As Martin Luther explains, "To be saved, we know, is nothing else than being delivered from sin, death, and the devil and to enter into the kingdom of Christ and live with him forever." (From Luther's Large Catechism: Baptism)

Here in our congregation, we have a mission statement that shows we are intentional about increasing the family of God: "**Emanuel Lutheran Church is a community of faith, leading people to Christ.**" Let us give thanks to God for including us in His family, and for gifting us with the faith and love to lead others into His family through the saving work of Jesus Christ!

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

Pastor's Perspective

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven." Colossians 1:3-5a.

From time to time I have been struck by all the various appreciation days that appear to have multiplied over the course of time. Perhaps it is just that these appreciation days have been around for quite some time, but have found greater awareness thanks to social media. For example, as long as I can remember there has been teacher appreciation week at schools, there is administrative assistants day in April, (or for the politically incorrect, Secretary's Day) fire prevention week in October and the take your child to work day (which if you grew up on a farm, everyday was likely take your child to work day).

Now, if our timing is correct most of you will receive this Pastor's Perspective in the Acolyte on Tractor Sunday. Yes, I did a search to see if there was actually an official Tractor Sunday. While I could not find such an auspicious day, it may well behoove us to acknowledge that National Farmer's Day in the U.S. is October 11th. Somewhat related is Agriculture Day on March 23 which falls during Agriculture week. There is even a Weed appreciation day on March 28th (try to remember that as you're plucking them out of your garden).

At the risk of being somewhat self-serving, October is Pastor appreciation month. We are blessed at Emanuel to have Pastor David and Pastor Brian, who continue to offer their wisdom and God-given gifts. Pastor David has served us well, not only as your interim prior to my arrival, but serves our wider church in his role as Atlantic Mission Region Dean. He will conclude that role at the convocation of our Atlantic Mission Region later this month. Pastor Brian continues to provide leadership to our discipleship seed group and, with me, the building of the discipleship culture here at Emanuel. I am very appreciative of both Pastors as they serve our congregation, especially when I am away for conferences or vacation.

Now a google search will give you specific days to show appreciation for various careers, vocations and yes, even objects. That said, as members of the body of Christ and disciples of our Lord Jesus, let us first and foremost give thanks and appreciation to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, one God in three persons, blessed Trinity. God is the giver of all things, having created the heavens, the earth and all that exists (*Genesis 1 and 2*). Our Lord Jesus Christ has rescued us from sin, death and the devil, reconciling us to God (*Romans 5*). The Holy Spirit is the Advocate that Jesus promised the disciples on the night of his betrayal and through whom we not only believe, but also is the person who helps us to forgive one another (*John 14:15-31, 20:22-23*).

Our appreciation for what God has and continues to do in our lives must never be reserved for one day but is communicated daily in prayer and lived out in lives of loving service. Appreciation for God is to be attentive to the word, that is the Bible, and in worship. In fact, one way of giving thanks is to pray the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. Take each phrase, and after each phrase, simply say, "Thank you God" or "Thank you Jesus" or "Thank you Holy Spirit."

While there are certain days of appreciation for individuals, based upon your vocation, let us also support one another by giving thanks for each other. Giving thanks for the people in our lives, for our brothers and sisters in Christ, acknowledges the relationship we have with each other and affirms the God-given value of each individual.

Allow me to conclude with the truth that I am very appreciative of each one of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ at Emanuel. You are called people of God, through whom God is at work. Thank you for your kindness, your generosity in support of our ministry and mission, your willingness to reach out to people in need and most importantly, for your love.

*God bless,
Pastor Mark*

OCTOBER BIBLE VERSES

- October 1* – Now the Philistines fought against Israel, and the men of Israel, and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. *1 Chronicles 10:1*
- October 2* – And he said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’ *Luke 10:2*
- October 3* – For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. *2 Corinthians 10:3*
- October 4* – For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. *Hebrews 10:4*
- October 5* – Then I turned and came down the mountain and put the tablets in the ark that I had made. And there they are, as the Lord commanded me. *Deuteronomy 10:5*
- October 6* – Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. *1 Corinthians 10:6*
- October 7* – So Jesus again said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.’ *John 10:7*
- October 8* – And the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. *Mark 10:8*
- October 9* – Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out. *Proverbs 10:9*
- October 10* – For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. *Romans 10:10*
- October 11* – And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.” *Revelation 10:11*
- October 12* – I will make them strong in the Lord, and they shall walk in his name, declares the Lord. *Zechariah 10:12*
- October 13* – No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. *1 Corinthians 10:13*
- October 14* – For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. *Hebrews 10:14*
- October 15* – Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. *Mark 10:15*
- October 16* – The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations perished from his land. *Psalms 10:16*
- October 17* – So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. *Romans 10:17*
- October 18* – No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father. *John 10:18*
- October 19* – When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. *Matthew 10:19*
- October 20* – Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. *Luke 10:20*
- October 21* – Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.’ *Exodus 10:21*
- October 22* – For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness. *Isaiah 10:22*
- October 23* – Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. *Hebrews 10:23*
- October 24* – Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. *1 Corinthians 10:24*
- October 25* – And Joshua said to them, ‘Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For the Lord will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.’ *Joshua 10:25*
- October 26* – And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, ‘Then who can be saved?’ *Mark 10:26*
- October 27* – My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. *John 10:27*
- October 28* – And he said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’ *Luke 10:28*
- October 29* – Moses said, “As you say! I will not see your face again.” *Exodus 10:29*
- October 30* – But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. *Matthew 10:30*
- October 31* – The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. *Proverbs 10:31*