



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday Opportunities:

Lakeside Worship Service 9:00 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.

JUNE ACTIVITIES AT EMANUEL

June 2 – Game Night, 6 p.m., Social Hall
June 4 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
June 6 – Bible Study 10 a.m., Social Hall
June 7 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
June 11 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
June 12 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Social Hall
June 13 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
June 14 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
June 17 – Social Hall reserved for a graduation party
June 18 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
June 20 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
June 21 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
June 24 – Anniversary Committee Meeting, 9-11 a.m.
June 25 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
June 26 – Evangelism Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
June 27 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
June 27 – Worship & Music Committee, 6 p.m.
June 28 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
June 28 – Acolyte article deadline

STEWARDSHIP

Financials as of April 2023:

YTD Income: \$84,491.50
YTD Expense: \$58,422.58
YTD Net Income: \$26,068.92

Total yearly budgeted income/expense: \$182,672.00

JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Susan Shields

JUNE USHERS

Donald Bell
Jordan Werner

JUNE LECTORS

June 4 — Annabelle Cobb
June 11 — Cindy Cairone
June 18 — Jordan Werner
June 25 — Karen Wirsing

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday greetings to the many folks celebrating this month:

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| 1 Kyle Knerr | 16 Libby Cobb |
| 2 Kristina Hess | 21 Trent Cellmer |
| 9 Amy Werner | 22 Laura Pratt |
| 10 Evan Harding | Lindsey Jacob |
| 12 Michael Nelson | 24 Nancy Cobb |
| 13 Marion Layton | Penny Welch |
| 14 Kathy McAllister | 28 Allison Cox |
| 15 David Cobb, Jr. | |

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

Please let the office know if there are birthdays or anniversaries we have missed.

SOUP KITCHEN

Ellen Filbey
Barbara Sinnema
Nancy Cobb
Rich Caldwell, June 8
Tice Cobb, June 15
Annabelle Cobb, June 22
Ellie Cobb, June 29

CEMETERY FUND

It is that time of year again, the mowing of the cemetery. If anyone would like to make a donation to the cemetery fund, please use your weekly giving envelope or any envelope and mark it for the cemetery. You can place it in the collection plate or give to Wayne May. We would like to thank Donald Bell for the great job he does in keeping our cemetery looking so good all summer long. Thank you, Wayne May, Cemetery Treasurer

FOOD PANTRY

For many years, we have partnered with Christ Lutheran Church in Bridgeton to support their food pantry ministry. Vera Matish, a member of Christ Lutheran, spearheaded this ministry for many years. Unfortunately, her health has declined to the point where she is no longer able to lead this ministry. As a result, Christ Lutheran will no longer be doing the food pantry ministry. Vera and the members of Christ Lutheran express their deep appreciation for our prayers, help and support through the years.

We will continue to support the Soup Kitchen at St. Theresa's. In addition to financial donations, they are appreciative of donations of chicken broth, beef broth and creamed soups as those are stock items used for numerous recipes. Soup donations may be dropped off at the church on any Sunday of your choosing. We may do a more focused collection in the future.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Anniversary Committee - Kyle Knerr

Christian Education - Wayne Knerr

Fellowship - Brenda Mace, Chrissy Smith, Kathy Willis

Finance - Mike Clarke

Mutual Ministry - Brenda Mace, Steve Kennedy, Chrissy Smith

Property - Jimmy Cobb

Safety & Security - Brenda Mace, Kyle Knerr, Mike Clarke

Stewardship - Wayne Knerr

Witness/Outreach/Evangelism - Chrissy Smith

Worship & Music - Wayne Knerr

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Pay more attention to your Creator
than your critics.



Look who dropped by the soup kitchen.

THANKING GOD FOR AN OVEN FIRE

By Pr. Brian Triller

“There was a fire in the oven!” Those were the first words I heard from Annette when I got home one day last summer. While she was using the oven, one of the electric elements had started on fire. Thankfully, the fire went out when she turned off the oven.

After I shut off the circuit breaker to the oven, I inspected inside, underneath, and behind the oven. Dust had collected underneath it over the years, so I got the vacuum cleaner to pick up the dust.

Before starting the vacuum, I shined a flashlight on that blanket of dust. As I did so, I saw a little glint of reflected light. As I held the flashlight on that spot, I reached out to touch a small, shiny object.

When I picked it up, I realized it was the diamond to Annette's engagement ring, which had gone missing months before! When she first noticed that the stone had fallen out of its setting, we did a major search all through the house. We prayed, asking our Lord to help us find that diamond according to His will. When it didn't turn up early on, we continued to keep an eye out for it.

I believe our Lord used the oven event to answer our prayer. If the fire hadn't happened, we wouldn't have had to look under and behind that appliance to check for damage. And I believe our Lord guided me to use that flashlight. If I hadn't used it, I would have sucked up the diamond unknowingly and it would be gone.

Annette and I were very happy to get her diamond back. This experience reminds us that God loves us, cares for us, and answers our prayers according to His will. No need or concern of ours is too small to bring before our Lord.

In addition, our Lord protected us. We were not aware that the oven was becoming unsafe due to its age. By His grace, the fire small and brief. It caused no injury to Annette, and having that fire alerted us that it was time to replace that oven! And so, we give thanks to God for that oven fire!

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 106:1 (ESV)

GRADUATES



Alexander Michael Shields – graduating 8th grade from Copeland Middle School and going to Morris Knolls Regional High School in Rockaway, New Jersey. Alex is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. He plays drums and was accepted into the North Jersey Regional Band and plays drums for school wind ensemble and jazz band. He plays soccer, baseball, and golf. He is the son of Michael and Tanya Shields and grandson of Susan Shields.



Rylee Doerr, daughter of Ashley and Duke Doerr and granddaughter of Les and Cindy Sutton will graduate on June 9th, 2023 as Valedictorian of her 8th grade class at Elsinboro Township School. Rylee will attend Salem County Vocational Technical High School in the fall.

Reed Richey, son of Audra and Ed Rinnier and grandson of Les and Cindy Sutton graduated from Penn Foster High school on March 29th, 2023. Reed worked diligently and graduated one year early. He will begin college courses in the field of IT in the fall.

Daryl Fernandez, granddaughter of Dianne and Allan Hermanson, graduates from Padua Academy in Wilmington, DE on June 5. Daryl is an honor student and will offer opening comments at the ceremony. She will be pursuing a medical degree from Arizona State University beginning in August.



Evan Michael Cox is a 17-year-old senior at Woodstown High School. He's a black belt in karate and currently works at Acme. He is enrolled in an 8-month HVAC program at Pennco Tech.

Nolan Cellmer, son of Trent and Mary-Kate Cellmer will be graduating from Bristol Borough Middle School in June. He will be attending Holy Ghost Prep School in Bensalem, Pa. In the fall. He is the grandson of Terry and Judy Cellmer.

Padraic Murphy, grandson of Pr. Brian and Annette Triller, graduates from Salesianum H.S. in Wilmington, DE on June 2. Son of Kenneth and Sara (Triller) Murphy, Padraic will be studying electrical and computer engineering at Rowan University.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Coming to Emanuel
Lutheran Church, Friesburg

July 24-27, 2023

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Each evening includes:

Dinner, Story, Craft,
Science station,
Music and other surprises
Ages 3 and up,
including adults,
are welcome.

<https://vbsmate.com/events/EmanuelElmerNJ/27650>

Pastor's Perspective
June 2023

"You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecution I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me...But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:10-11, 14-15

One of the things I have learned in life is that my experiences are not common among most individuals. There was a particular routine that was not to be questioned. Every Sunday morning (except for vacation) my dad took my brother and me to church. Yes, my dad took us to church. Mom worked night shift as a nurse, so she hardly attended. Not only did he take us to church, but he stayed. He was involved. By this very routine my father modeled the value of going to church for me and my brother.

A look around many sanctuaries throughout the United States and you'll see that most adults who come to church are women. This isn't to say that men do not believe in God, or believe in Jesus, but that they don't see the value of church in building that relationship with Jesus. Statistics point this out as Pew Research, a leading researcher of church practices, state that the percentage of men going to church weekly is 31 percent compared to women at 40 percent. Perhaps more concerning is that the percentage of men who pray daily is 46 percent compared to 64 percent of women.

In the passage above, Paul is intentional about mentoring Timothy in Christian faith. Not only is he a faith mentor but will also mentor Timothy as a pastor. I point out this passage to highlight the important role that men in particular have in raising their family in faith. One thing that has been consistent over the years is that when men are active in church, their family has a higher rate of being engaged in the church than those whose father does not attend.

Men. YOU MATTER! You make a difference in the life of your children. You make a difference in the life of the church. It is the way God intended. Yes, like all things we can be distracted. We are busy. We may be tired. We may find our lives pulled in different directions. We may have every intention of one day coming back to church even as the years pass by. I say this not as a word of judgement, but to encourage you to make your life with Jesus a priority.

I get it. Life is hard and we all make choices because we want what is best for our children. We make promises before God at their baptism to raise them up in faith, that along with your spouse or in my dad's case, without active participation from my mom, includes coming to church.

Not only do we men need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ, but we are also leaders of our families, a role that certain segments of society downplay or demean. Men, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Don't worry if you're so tired you might fall asleep. Don't fear the rumblings your children may make. By your very example we men teach our children. They learn by hearing what we say and by observing what we do. Not only that, but let the church be a place where you can be present with other men as they seek to follow Jesus.

God bless,
Pastor Mark

For more information see: <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/religious-landscape-study/gender-composition/>

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Emanuel Lutheran Church Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Game Night 6 p.m. Social Hall | 3 |
| 4 Lakeside Worship 9:00 a.m. | 5 | 6 Bible Study 10 a.m. Social Hall | 7 Bible Study 7 p.m. Zoom | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Lakeside Worship 9:00 a.m. | 12 Council 6 p.m. Social Hall | 13 Bible Study 10 a.m. Social Hall | 14 Bible Study 7 p.m. Zoom | 15 | 16 | 17 Social Hall Reserved for Graduation Party |
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