



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.

JULY/AUGUST ACTIVITIES AT EMANUEL

July 2 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
July 5 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
July 8 – Alloway Twp Prayer Breakfast 7 a.m.
July 9 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
July 9 – LCW Meeting
July 17 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Social Hall
July 11 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
July 12 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
July 16 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
July 18 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
July 19 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
July 23 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
July 24 – 27 – VBS 5:30-8 p.m.
July 25 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
July 26 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
July 30 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
Aug 1 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
Aug 2 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Aug 6 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
Aug 13 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
Aug 20 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
Aug 22 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
Aug 23 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Aug 27 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
Aug 29 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Social Hall
Aug 30 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

STEWARDSHIP

Financials as of May 2023:

YTD Income: \$97,815.94
YTD Expense: \$70,618.48
YTD Net Income: \$27,197.46
Total yearly budgeted income/expense: \$182,672.00

ALTAR GUILD

July – Cindy Cairone
August – Rita Bowen

JULY/AUGUST USHERS

Donald Bell
Jordan Werner

JULY LECTORS

July 2 — Marylouise Tice
July 9 — Nancy Cobb
July 16 — Jim Bowen
July 23 — Rita Bowen
July 30 — Barbara Sinnema

AUGUST LECTORS

August 6 — Lora Sweeney
August 13 — Allison Cox
August 20 — Helgi Viire
August 27 — Amy Werner

JULY SOUP KITCHEN

Karen Wirsing
Julian Kidd
July 6, Mason Cobb
July 13, Libby Cobb
July 20, Aubrey Brooks
July 27, Elle Cobb

AUGUST SOUP KITCHEN

August 3, 17, 24, 31
Ellen Filbey
Barbara Sinnema
Julian Kidd
August 17
Annabelle Cobb

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following folks celebrating in July:

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Cindy Cairone | 25 Troy Cellmer |
| 6 Rylee Doerr | Philip Bourquin |
| 17 Brenda Mace | John Bourquin |
| 18 Lily Pasternak | 28 Kristen Jacob |
| 20 Martha Hubschmidt | 30 Lora Sweeney |

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August is one of our biggest “special days” months.

Here are the birthday folks:

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 2 Faye Brooks | 22 Susan Shields |
| 6 Ashley Huff | 24 Dustin Wilson |
| 10 Terry McAllister | Nathaniel Piling |
| 12 Allan Hermanson | 25 Nancy Wilson |
| Helgi Viire | 26 Evan Cox |
| 13 Audra Rinnier | Kate Nelson |
| Brian Bradley | 29 Dan Piling |
| 14 Heather Knerr | 30 Lauren Knerr |
| 18 Ken Hinkle | Taylor Knerr |

Celebrating anniversaries are

David and Nancy Wilson on the 1st and

Terry and Judy Cellmer on the 7th.

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

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Emanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting the Alloway Township Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, July 8th at 7:00 a.m. Please join us for a time of fellowship and prayer with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Township.

CONNECTIONS MAGAZINE

One of the things we include in our budget is a mailing subscription of the Connections Magazine for our members. Connections is produced by Sola Publishing. It comes every other month. Articles in the magazine are on Biblical events. If you have any questions about the magazine, please speak to Pastor Mark.

NALC MISSION CONVOCATION

Pastor Mark, Amy and Jordan will be attending the NALC Mission Convocation the week of August 7th. The Convocation will hear stories of ministries throughout North America. The NALC will host guests from Africa, including the Tumani youth choir. Among the business items will be to elect individuals to the Executive Council, the Board of Regents of the North American Lutheran Seminary, approve the 2024 spending plan and elect the next bishop of the NALC. Our current Bishop, The Rev. Dan Selbo is open to serving another four-year term.

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Anniversary Committee - Kyle Knerr

Christian Education - Wayne Knerr

Fellowship - Brenda Mace, Chrissy Smith, Kathy Willis

Finance - Mike Clarke

Mutual Ministry - 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

friesburg philosophy for July

Some people feel the rain, some people just get wet.

Fear Not

friesburg philosophy for August

The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything.



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>

Find the 41 bold words from
Matthew 10:24-31 (ESV)

L E L N O H S V R A E F T C M
G L L U U W E E A A B C E I Y
D R I P O M T A B L W L A F O
E W O K I S B O D H U L C A R
L B Y U A C V E I E C E H T T
A B N M N E S S R O R H E H S
E E N M N D P I R E B E R E E
V E E O A E M P D U D J V R D
E L P R R S P A R R O W S O S
R Z K E S P O T E S U O H E C
T E D G N I H T O N T H R W R
E B H I D D E N H R P V Y A S
L U N W O N K U A G A R A E H
L L H A I R S P Z N I B O D Y
S O L D A V A H T O B L L A F

A **disciple** is not **above** his **teacher**, nor a **servant** above his **master**. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house **Beelzebul**, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them, for **nothing** is **covered** that will not be **revealed**, or **hidden** that will not be **known**. What I **tell** you in the **dark**, **say** in the **light**, and what you **hear whispered**, **proclaim** on the **housetops**. And do not fear those who **kill** the **body** but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can **destroy both soul** and body in **hell**. Are not **two sparrows sold** for a **penny**? And not **one** of them will **fall** to the **ground apart** from your **Father**. But even the **hairs** of your **head** are all **numbered**. **Fear not**, therefore; you are of **more value** than many sparrows.

Pastor's Perspective

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"I enjoyed reading every word of it," wrote one of our first subscribers. "And when I say every word I mean just that. The Friesburg Witness is a paper of which no church can be ashamed. I think it is real and certainly wish you success in the publishing of it."

This quote appears in the May 1940 publication of *The Friesburg Witness*, a monthly magazine edited by The Reverend Stuart P. Garver, Pastor of Emanuel at the time. Coming out of the depression and on the cusp of entering World War II, our congregation produced a quality publication that would be good by today's standards. One subscribed to this publication for the cost of 75 cents per year, or 10 cents per copy. Using the cumulative price index calculator, a subscription today would cost \$16.29.

In many respects, this publication was a predecessor to the Acolyte. It included news about the church's Ladies Aid Society, church financials, a children's page and numerous articles, some of which were submitted anonymously. There was even an update on our congregation's radio ministry. This ministry began in 1941. International Sunday school lessons were broadcast Sunday mornings at 8:45 on WSNJ.

What struck me as I have read through the one year's worth of copies left to the Anniversary Committee, is how much discipleship was already woven into the fabric of our congregational life. God's Word has been and continues to be taken seriously. It is through the Holy Spirit who creates faith in us to receive the Word that we know Jesus as our only Lord and Savior, through whom we have salvation.

As we continue to prepare for the 300th anniversary of our congregation, these are some of the important treasures we are looking for as we celebrate what God has done. The copies we have come to us through Mrs. Eli Van Meter. If you come across other copies of *The Friesburg Witness*, or other items that you think may be of importance, please consider donating them to the Anniversary Committee.

Now, as a way of showing the relevance of some of the articles from the past, I commend to you an article printed in Volume 1, number 12, the April 1941 edition of *The Friesburg Witness*.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

WHAT THE CHURCH NEEDS

A feature of unique interest included in the "Year Book of Lutherans in the Pacific Northwest" is a symposium of opinions received from twenty-eight representative Lutheran leaders concerning the question, "What is the Church's Greatest Need Today?" Among the responses we find statements that the church's supreme need is:

Bolder, clearer and more emphatic testimony that the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible is the Word of God.

To be rid of its fears.

The need for personal, vital trust, love and loyalty toward God.

A strong witnessing for the truth.

To become more Christ conscious

A united Lutheranism.

Co-operation in order that we may present a united front against the common enemy.

To gain in greater amount the confidence of her own people and of the unchurched world.

A full, free and clear message of law and gospel as preached by Jesus Christ.

To be the kind of a church that Jesus Christ instituted and which He still wants.

A spiritual awakening.

Greater trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and in His words and promises.

Development in spiritual vigor and strength and thereby also development in zeal to keep the members of the church in the living faith as well as converting others to the faith.

A membership that has an earnest compassion for souls.

Increased spiritual power.

To do the work Jesus, the founder, gave it to do.

To teach, preach and baptize.
To keep the doctrine pure.
More spiritual life and less ceremonial life.
More spiritual revival and less hallelujah revival.
More reading of the Bible and less of the press.
More prayer meetings and less club meetings.
More soul winners than dollar winners.
More Christian homes than home shelters.
More home builders and less home destroyers.
More parents to go with their children to church instead of sending them to church.
More educating the heart than the mind.
More living faith in God than doubt.
More union of spirit than splitting up.
More of Christ and less of self.
More man-power, young man-power
Less cant and more sincerity.
Better sermonizers and poorer golfers.
Better church attenders and poorer skiers.
More familiar characters in the Bible and less on the screen.
More seeking after spiritual power and less after political.

Again, this article was written in 1941. See how relevant it is for us today in 2023.