



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Word so All May Know Christ's Love

Congregational Newsletter

September 2021

Dear Congregation,

I would like to thank Pr. Stephen and his family again for their hard work and support that they gave to Emmanuel for these past eight years. We now must move to our next chapter with the process of calling a new pastor. We have already assembled our Call Committee six members who have volunteered their time and talent to begin this process. I would like to thank Judie Bradford, Sheryl Cabey, Dorothy Still, Liz Thomas, Fred Ekenstam, and Ron Bowker, as these are our Call Committee members who will take up the task. This process will take some time and a lot of effort and patience, but we are determined to put our "foot on the gas" and hire a new pastor as soon as possible. It is also important for the congregation to be patient with the process. At times, you may think that nothing is going on, but this committee will be working. We will keep you informed as we go along. Please pray for the committee and the church as we all will need it these next several months. We hope to have an interim pastor in the near future. The NT/NL Synod will be in control of this.

Barbara Fowler, Treasurer, is preparing a financial report for the congregation for the full month of August, and it will be available at church on Sunday, Sept. 5, for all who would like to pick up a copy to review.

I thank all of you who have given your time, talent, and dollars to continue to make our church a success through these tough times. We need all who can to volunteer your help, so that a few don't have to carry the load. If anyone has questions about anything concerning our church, please do not hesitate to ask any council member.

(Council members: Randy Kirby, President; Judie Bradford, Worship; Darcy Kirby, Secretary; and Barbara Fowler, Treasurer.)

In Christ,

Randy Kirby

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TREASURER'S *Report*

Hello to all!

God's blessings to all. We want to thank all who have continued to give to our church via the US Mail, Bank Bill Pay, Online Giving or dropping your envelopes off in the church's lock box. Julie Cox and I routinely check the mail and lock boxes, make deposits, and timely pay our bills.

Below is the state of our finances for the month and year-to-date income and expenses as of August 15, 2021:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Month – August 15, 2021</u>	<u>Year-To-Date – August 15, 2021</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Pledged Donations	\$2,745.00	\$ 41,033.73
Non-Pledges Donations	\$3,148.58	\$ 46,930.92
Loose Plate	\$ 149.00	\$ 923.58
General Fund Other	-	\$ 27,924.58
Memorial Gifts	-	\$ 145.00
Sub-Total Income	\$6,042.58	\$116,957.81
<u>Expenses</u>	\$5,252.68	\$112,070.07
Income Less Expenses	\$789.90	\$4,887.74

Thank you for your support,

Barbara A Fowler, Treasurer



Well, here we are, already the entrance to fall. Summer trips and activities winding down and the fall, winter and spring activities begin.

Your Worship Team continues to work on preparing and planning for our worship services. We have been blessed with wonderful pastors and beautiful music to make our Sunday services a blessing to each and every one of us. God is with us. We will have Pastor Mike Masterson with us through the whole month of September. Once again I know we will be blessed with Pastor Masterson's messages.

Special pastoral care may be needed among our Emmanuel family during this period without a full time pastor. Should this occur for any one of our members, please contact Judie Bradford at 956-270-0608 so that you may receive the pastoral help and care that you need at this time.

Prayer for Emmanuel and our shared ministry to each other is a major part of your worship team. We will continue to work diligently to have our worship run as smoothly and as pleasing to God and one another as possible.

Again, we must mention that your thoughts and ideas are important to us so please feel free to bring them to your worship team. We also know there are many talents in our church family, so if you would consider sharing them in our volunteer area of service, please let us know.

May the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless and keep you.

"In the sweetness of friendship, let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." Khalil Gibran

Judie Bradford and the Worship Team

Sheryl Cabey, Darcy Kirby and Lea Neiart



Women of the ELCA

WELCA will host a Welcome Back Tea at the church on Wednesday, September 8 at 2 P.M. All women of the church, family and friends are invited. Please plan on attending!

Our Good Grief group will meet at the Lakestone Terrace dining room, 916 East Highway 377, Granbury, on September 26 at 11:30 A.M. Inga Brooks has recently moved into a cottage at Lakestone Terrace and wants us to visit her new surroundings on the lake.



Ladies' Bible study will resume on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 10:00 at the church. We will study Adam Hamilton's book, **Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go**. The publisher, Abington Press writes,

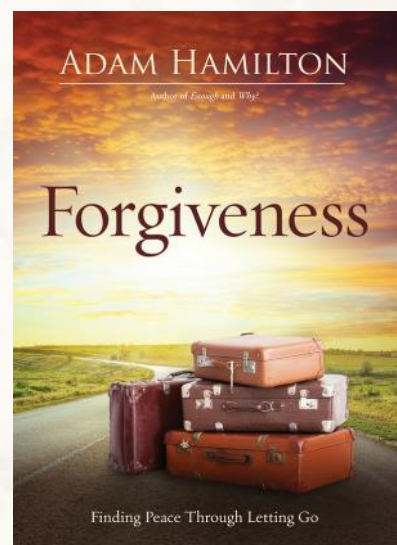
In **Forgiveness** Adam Hamilton, shows how to receive the freedom that comes with forgiving – even if we are the ones who need forgiveness. In his warm, relatable style, Hamilton walks readers

through the challenges that come with learning to forgive and ask forgiveness. Freedom, grace, reconciliation, and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness."

This Bible study will continue for five weeks, Sept. 9-Oct. 7, every Thursday at 10:00, and will include a short video for each chapter of the book. If you wish, you may purchase the book on Amazon.com or other sources. You don't need to buy the book to be included in the study. A schedule will be provided which will give you the Bible verses supporting each chapter.

Come and join us for some good conversations about **Forgiveness**! We all want to be forgiven, and in order to shed burdens and find joy, we all must learn to ask for and give it.

Darcy Kirby





Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Message from The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search and rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti was also hit by Tropical Storm Grace which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

Your gifts will support earthquake survivors in Haiti. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake.

Ways to give: By phone 800-638-3522

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Haiti Crisis" on your check memo line.





Jerry	Pilarski	September 07
Alvin	Rowe	September 09
Thomas	Greene	September 15
Barbara	Fowler	September 17
Julie	Carlsen	September 19

Fred & Linda Ekenstam	September 9
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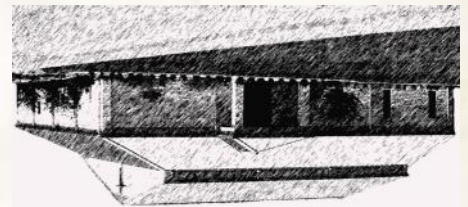
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Sanctuary Worship 10:15 AM	6	7 Worship Meeting 1:30 PM	8 WELCA: Welcome Back Tea 2 PM	9 Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM	10	11
12 Sanctuary Worship 10:15 AM	13	14 Council Meeting 2 PM	15	16 Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM	17	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
19 Sanctuary Worship 10:15 AM	20	21	22	23 Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM	24	25
26 Sanctuary Worship 10:15 AM Good Grief Group: Lakeview Terrace 11:30 AM	27	28	29	30 Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM		

Worship Helpers

September	5	12	19	26
Worship Assistant	Dorothy Still	Sheryl Cabey	John Wessels	Chuck Still
Lector	Ron Bowker	Inga Brooks	Jennifer Pilarski	Kim Fancher
Ushers	Randy Kirby	Julie Cox	Inga Brooks	Terry Bradford
	John Wessels	James Cox	Christine Noyes	Judie Bradford
Audio Technician	Inga Brooks	Darcy Kirby	Ken Fowler	Darcy Kirby
Offering Counters	Ken Fowler	Julie Cox	Judie Bradford	Fred Ekenstam
	Randy Kirby	Christine Noyes	Laurie Seymour	Elizabeth Thomas
Building Opener	Randy Kirby	Randy Kirby	Randy Kirby	Randy Kirby
Attendance Taker	Darcy Kirby	Darcy Kirby	Dorothy Still	Dorothy Still
Safety Team	Randy Kirby	Chuck Still	Randy Kirby	Chuck Still
Altar Guild	Julie Rowe	Julie Rowe	Julie Rowe	Julie Rowe



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