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THE GREAT COMMISSION

From the Desk of Pastor Rob

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20

These are the last words that Jesus gave to his disciples at the end of the Gospel of Matthew. This Great Commission, as it has become known now, is something that has given Christians around the world the charge to go out into the world and spread the Gospel message far and wide and it is something we continue to live by today. My favorite part of this commission from Jesus is the word “all”, a word that we emphasize in our new welcome statement. The Word of God is for everyone of all nations. I was reminded of that recently when I saw on our Facebook page a comment from a Lutheran pastor in Africa who tuned in to watch our worship service a few Sundays ago. I would have never imagined that people half around the world would be tuning in to watch our worship services, but here we are.

When Jesus ascended to heaven, he left it to his disciples to continue to spread the Word of God throughout the world and now today that falls onto us. It is up to us to go out and share the Good News with everyone. It is up to us to keep this church going. It is up to us to further commission others to continue this work into the future. It may seem like a daunting task, I know, but it's work worth doing. Together we can make Emmanuel Lutheran Church a beacon of the Gospel in New Philadelphia.

Prayfully yours,

Pastor Rob

The Messenger

Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

The Emmanuel Choir year will be ending soon, with our last Sunday to sing being June 5. Once again, I want to thank all the faithful and dedicated members who have given so much of their time and of themselves to the choir this year. These people are: Mary Jane John, Sally Dorn, Cindy Smith, Marcia Lile, Barb Rupe, Jerry Rennacker, Bob Victor, Roger Lile, Jerry Gartrell and Ward Holdsworth. We also want to thank Victor John who has sung with us on Sunday mornings when he has been visiting his parents and whose voice adds so much to our choir. Thank you Victor!

Being the director of this group of wonderful people has always been one of the highlights of my week and I wish them all a blessed, happy and healthy summer! See you in September!

SUMMER MUSIC

We are always looking for interested and musically involved people to provide special music on summer Sundays, so if this is you, or you know someone who might be interested in doing this, please let Ruth Partrick know so we can put you on the schedule.

ORGAN RESTORATION CONCERT AND FUND

The Music and Worship Committee is planning to sponsor a second organ recital in November that will include several organists and other special music. Our first such event in 2019 was a big success with many people from the community attending. Plus, through the offering received that day, we were able to give a nice amount to our Organ Restoration fund. We also encourage our members to remember that gifts to the organ fund can be made at any time so keep that in your thoughts and prayers.

WELCA/Women's Bible Study

We had our final Bible Study for this year on May 4 with a lesson about patterns in our lives and community, and several people brought quilts and pictures of quilts to share, so it was a fun and interesting lesson. We plan to start these Bible studies again in the fall, and will continue to use the studies in the Gather magazine. So if you are a subscriber to that, we hope you will continue to keep your subscription current. If you are not and are interested in receiving the magazine, please talk to Ruth Patrick for information. You won't need to be a subscriber to attend our women's Bible studies as we will provide copies of the lesson for use at the meetings.

Thanks to those women who have attended during the past year and we wish everyone a happy and healthy summer!

-Ruth Patrick - Leader

What's Happening...

Church Picnic: Sunday June 12 – 10:30am Service

Join us on June 12 at Tuscora Park for the annual church picnic. Worship at 10:30am at the amphitheater followed by a catered lunch. Stick around for FREE rides and putt putt for 2 hours after the meal. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$6.50 for kids 4-11 and FREE for kids under 4. Tickets on sale in the lobby before and after worship

Summer Neighborhood Carnival June 18 11:00am – 4:00pm

Come one and all to the first annual School's Out For Summer Carnival! Enjoy games, activities, food trucks, hotdogs, and the STEAM Centers pop-up children's museum. Kick off summer with a fun afternoon!

In Appreciation...

To Our Friends at Emmanuel,
A heartfelt thank you for your cards, prayers, and kind words during our time of sorrow at our Dad and Grandpa's passing. We greatly appreciated the church the funeral dinner.

God Bless!

The family of Kenny Brown
Bill & Jennifer, Beth & Rich, Matt & Maddy, Ben & McKenna

Dear Congregation,
We very much appreciate your generous donation of \$250 to the Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County. Your gift will us continue to provide our guests with weekly case management, referral services, and a safe place to stay as they continue their journey to independent living.

Thank you and Gold bless,
Calvin A White – Exec Dir

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Important Calendar Dates June 2022

1 – Last Adult Choir
Rehearsal – 4:00pm
2 – Food Pantry –
4:00-8:00pm
7 – Property
Committee Meeting –
5:00pm
12 – Church Picnic at
Tuscora Park –
10:30am
13 – Finance
Committee Meeting –
5:00pm
Council Meeting –
6:30pm
18 – Neighborhood
Carnival 11:00am –
4:00pm
19 – Father’s Day
Juneteenth
Joyful Noise

Worship Volunteers June

June 5: Pentecost
Lector: Mary Jane John
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion
Assistants from Council)
June 12: Church picnic
Greeters: Roger and Marcia Lile
Lector: Barb Rupe
June 19: Father’s Day, Juneteenth
Greeters: Dick Hugh (parking lot)
Myrna Hugh (by bulletins)
Lector: Bob Victor
Usher: Dane Smith
Communion Assistants: John and
Barb Sandy
June 26:
Greeters: Sylas McCune (parking lot)
Rob Sterling (by bulletins)
Lector: Myrna Hugh
Usher: Karen Sterling
Communion Assistants: Roger and
Marcia Lile

July

July 3: Pentecost
Lector: Tom Yanders
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion
Assistants from Council)
July 10:
Greeters: Neil Rupe (parking lot)
Barb Rupe (by bulletins)
Lector: Rob Sterling
Usher: Sylas McCune
Communion Assistants: Neil and
Barb Rupe
July 17:
Greeters: Chuck Moore (parking lot)
Helaine Moore (by bulletins)
Lector: Carole Bates
Usher: Joyce Frank
Communion Assistants: John Frank
and Tom Yanders
July 24:
Greeters: Bob Victor (parking lot)
Lois Victor (by bulletins)
Lector: Bob Victor
Usher: Dorothy Kaufman
Communion Assistants: Dick and
Myrna Hugh
July 31:
Greeters: Ward Holdsworth (parking lot)
Linda Holdsworth (by
bulletins)
Lector: Ken Lab
Usher: Neil Rupe
Communion Assistants: Ken and Lis
Lab

Liturgical Colors by Pastor Rob

I believe this series has now come full circle. I started this last year in late summer to highlight all the colors of the liturgical calendar, starting with Ordinary Time, which uses green. This month we will sort of see three colors, but since one of those is when we are at the park for the picnic, it won't really be seen. Starting with Pentecost on June 5, we bring back the color red. As I said in the October edition of this segment, red is used for festivals that invoke the Holy Spirit and Pentecost definitely does that. After that we get Holy Trinity Sunday, which being a high festival gets white as its color but since we will be at the park that day, we really won't see it. That leaves us back at green, right where we started. Green is used to symbolize growth in our faith. You'll notice that during summer, we change from bright green to a darker shade on Rally Day in September. Since this color will be used from now until Reformation, I won't be doing this series until later in the year again.

Words of Wisdom:
Invite your friends and family
to church this Sunday!
-Neil Rupe

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from the library and Pastor Rob Presents Fun with Flagons!**