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The Latest News and Happenings at
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio



From the Desk of Pastor Rob

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. – Isaiah 7:14

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Emmanuel, from the Hebrew words “Immanu” which means “with us” and “el” which means God. God is with us. This was a term used in scripture to refer to the Messiah. The above prophecy from Isaiah was quoted in the Matthew’s Gospel, which we will read on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year. In Isaiah, the people of Israel have been waiting for the Messiah to free them from all captivity, and that wait continued until the arrival of Jesus many, many years later.

Seems like an appropriate name for our congregation as we are called to do God’s work in the world and be the shining beacon of the gospel to our community. All of us at Emmanuel are called to do God’s work in the world. Like the people of Israel in the Old Testament waiting for the Messiah, waiting for Emmanuel, God with us, to come deliver them from captivity, the people in our community, the homeless, the hungry, the orphan, the widow are likewise waiting for God to be with them, they are waiting for Emmanuel. We ARE Emmanuel, not just the because that is the name of our church but because we embody it, we embody the idea of God being with us.

Emmanuel has long been a fixture in the community here in New Philadelphia, we are the oldest church in the city and one that many community groups have relied on. Let us continue this good work through the holiday season and beyond.

Prayerfully yours,

Pastor Rob

Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

Our second fall organ festival on November 6th was an amazing and truly wonderful afternoon of great music presented by skilled and talented musicians, and we hope you didn't miss it! Members of Emmanuel who played or sang included Cindy Smith, Teresa MacEachen, John Foust, and Wayne York. Those from the area were Kathy Sloan (our former organist), G. Randall Gibbs, Nancy Stavely and Luke Tegtmeirer. Readers for the day were Scott Daniels and Lois Victor. The refreshment table looked lovely and there were tons of cookies and delicious punch and coffee being served!

The attendance was very good and the freewill offering was exciting! All in all, it was a memorable afternoon and we sincerely thank all who contributed in any way, especially all the musicians, the readers, the ushers (Chris and Marsha Smith), members of the Worship and Music Committee and their spouses, cookie bakers, and Pastor Rob for all his help and support for the program and for acting as Emcee for the day.

We look forward to being able to sponsor another festival in 2023.

WELCA/Women's Bible Study

By Ruth Patrick

All the women of Emmanuel are invited to our next Bible Study on December 7 at 1:30 pm in the second floor meeting room. We will use session 3 from the November/December issue of Gather magazine. If you're not a subscriber, copies of the study will be available for you that day. (Interested in subscribing? Please talk to Ruth Patrick.) We have been discussing Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith, and this lesson will turn our attention to reading Scripture in a way that considers the environment and creatures surrounding Jesus, which shaped his teaching.

Welcoming a New Arrival!

On Friday November 11, 2022 at 6:48pm Pastor Rob and Tanya welcomed the birth of their son, Fredrick "Freddy" Robert Eller. Freddy weighed in at 5lbs 14oz and is 18.25 inches long. Mother and baby are doing good and are back home now with Pastor Rob, Izzy, and the cats. They would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes. The baby shower that was supposed to happen on November 13 will be rescheduled for a later date.

Zumba

There will not be any Zumba classes for the month of December. Classes will resume on Tuesday nights in January.

What's Happening at Emmanuel... Annual Meeting Part 2

On Sunday January 29 after worship, we will have the second of our annual meetings, this one to elect new members to the congregation council as well as representatives to the 2023 NEOS Assembly in May and to review annual reports from the committees and ministries of this congregation.

In addition to those elections, we will be voting on the following changes to our Constitution and Bylaws (what is being changed is crossed out and new language is bolded):

Constitution

C10.04. ~~(33) Thirty-three percent~~ **(10) Ten percent** of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Rationale: Easier to reach quorum

Bylaws

C10.01.02 A Special Congregational Meeting will take place yearly on the first Sunday of ~~Advent~~ **December** for the purpose of adopting the Mission Plan for the following church year.

Rationale: Does not conflict with Thanksgiving holiday.

C11.01.a The Officers of the Church shall be elected from among those Congregation Council members elected to serve on the upcoming term of council by those that are present and voting at Council's annual April Congregation Council Retreat. Voting shall be by ecclesiastical ballot. Their term of office shall begin once installed on the first Sunday in ~~May~~ **February**, and terminate the following ~~May~~ **February** with the installation of those elected to serve on the following term of council. No officer shall hold more than one officer position at a time.

Rationale: New council members can start work right away.

In Other News...

ELCA Good Gifts Tree

The ELCA Good Gifts Tree is now up in the lobby. Pick a tag to purchase an item for a family or child overseas. You can pay online, by phone or by mail. Instructions, greetings cards, and a catalogue with more options is on the sign-up table.

Altar Flowers

The 2023 Altar Flower chart is posted in the lobby. The price is \$20 for one vase or \$40 for both. Please sign up! You have the option of keeping the flowers or donating them to our homebound members.

Worship Volunteers

Have you ever been interested in helping during Sunday worship? We are looking for more lectors, ushers, greeters, communion assistants, and especially assisting ministers. Not sure what each position entails? Ask Pastor Rob and he will be glad to give you a run down on each position. See Pastor Rob or Barb Rupe if you are interested.

Mailing List

Do receive our newsletter by mail but not our bulletins and Pastor Rob's sermon and would like copies for reading at home or to follow along with our worship livestream? Please contact us at the church and we will be happy to add you to our mailing list for the weekly bulletin.

Pub Theology – Bibles and Brews

What is Pub Theology?

From the website www.pubtheology.com/about/

People have been gathering in pubs and public spaces for ages, talking about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. Increasingly, people all over are rediscovering the pub as a safe, open space where they can explore and express their own doubts and questions, learn from others, and engage people of varying religious traditions. In our increasingly fractured society, these spaces are not only welcome, but needed. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions, your curiosity, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way, and hey— there's likely to be a good craft beer you haven't tried yet!

Why are we mentioning this? Pastor Rob would like to start a Pub Theology group at Emmanuel along with other churches in New Philadelphia. It takes discussions about faith, church, and the Bible out of the church building and into the community in a neutral location where people are more comfortable with discussing these topics. Pastor Rob participated in one of these groups in his home town through an Episcopal congregation before helping set up one in his church. With the success of those groups, he would like to bring it to our area as another opportunity for ecumenical cooperation. The initial idea is to meet once a month until we see how much interest there is in it. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out Pastor Rob.

Trunk or Treat 2022



Our Trunk or Treat in October was a huge success! We had lots of fun with all the kids and their families who came out for candy and activities. A big thank you to everyone who came with their cars to give out candy and help with the event as well as the Congregational Life Committee for planning this event. This will become a yearly tradition for Emmanuel for many years to come. Congregational Life hopes to make it even bigger and better next year! If you are interested in helping plan this and future events for the church, please talk to Pastor

Rob, Barb Rupe (chair of Congregational Life) or Deb Ritenour (president of council).

October Financials

Income:
\$16,672.48

Expenses:
\$22,530.97

Difference:
(\$ 5,858.49)

December
Benevolence:
Rainbow
Connection



Worship Volunteers

December

December 4

Lector: Myrna Hugh
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

December 11

Greeters: Ken Lab (parking lot)
Lisa Lab (by bulletins)
Lector: Rob Sterling
Usher: Dane Smith
Communion Assistants: Ken and Lisa Lab

December 18

Greeters: Mary Lou Westbrook (parking lot)
Lori Rainsberg (by bulletins)
Lector: Carole Bates
Usher: Tom Yanders
Communion Assistants: Dick and Myrna Hugh

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Lector: Dane Smith
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

December 25 – Christmas Day

Lector: Barb Rupe
Usher: Neil Rupe

Words of Wisdom:

We are not yet what we shall be,
but we are growing toward it, the
process is not yet finished.
-Martin Luther

January

January 1

Lector: John Foust
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

January 8

Greeters: Bob Victor (parking lot)
Lois Victor (by bulletins)
Lector: Jerry Gartrell
Usher: Barb Rupe
Communion Assistants: Bob and Lois Victor

January 15

Greeters: Rob Sterling (parking lot)
Karen Sterling (by bulletins)
Lector: Lois Victor
Usher: Dorothy Kaufman
Communion Assistants: Ward and Linda Holdsworth

January 22

Greeters: Tom Yanders (parking lot)
Bonnie Yanders (by bulletins)
Lector: Tom Yanders
Usher: Dane Smith
Communion Assistants: Tom Yanders and Deb Ritenour

January 29

Greeters: Dick Hugh (parking lot)
Myrna Hugh (by bulletins)
Lector: Wayne York
Usher: Neil Rupe
Communion Assistants: Dick and Myrna

Find us on YouTube now:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjselLc90l4KdomtXbjFYTw>
Watch past worship services, mid-day devotion videos, Story Time
from the library and Pastor Rob Presents Fun with Flagons!



Advent and Christmas Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 at 9:30am

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 at 9:30am

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022 at 9:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022 at 9:30am

Christmas Eve Candlelight
December 24, 2022 at 5:30pm

Christmas Eve Vespers
December 24, 2022 at 11:00pm
(Online at Facebook and YouTube only)

Christmas Day
December 25, 2022 at 9:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 4:30pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Choir practice	2 Office CLOSED	3 2pm - Mattevi Birthday 6:30pm - Singles Euchre
4 9:30 am Worship Service 1pm - Ridgway Birthday	5 12pm - AA Meeting 6:45pm - Tusc. Co. Coin	6 11am - Pastors' Group 7pm - PROPERTY	7 6pm - Stamp Club	8 6:30pm - Choir practice	9 Office CLOSED	10
11 9:30 am Worship Service	12 COUNCIL Meeting 6:30 12pm - AA Meeting	13 11am - Pastors' Group	14	15 6:30pm - Choir practice	16 Office CLOSED	17
18 9:30 am Worship Service Joyful Noise OFFERING	19 Messenger DEADLINE for 12pm - AA Meeting	20 11am - Pastors' Group 6pm - Stamp Club	21	22 6:30pm - Choir practice	23 Office CLOSED	24 5:30pm - Christmas Eve
25 9:30 am Worship Service Merry Christmas!	26 HOLIDAY - Office Closed	27 11am - Pastors' Group	28	29	30 Office CLOSED	31