

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

## From the Desk of Pastor Rob

**“Choose for each of your tribes individuals who are wise, discerning, and reputable to be your leaders.” – Deuteronomy 1:13**

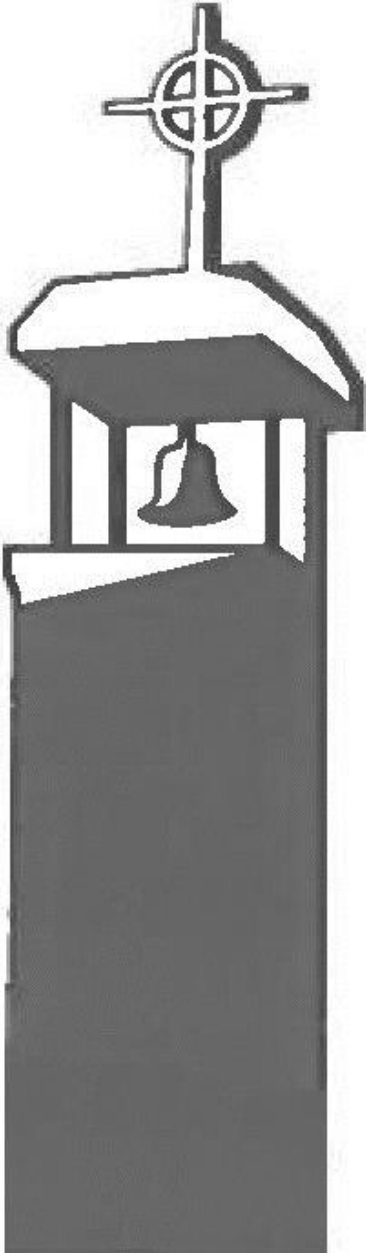
**“A vote is a kind of prayer for the kind of world we desire for ourselves and for our children, and I think our prayers are stronger when we pray together.” –Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock**

We have reached that time of year where we see signs in our neighbor’s yards, endless ads on television and piles of flyers in the mail. Election season is in full swing and more than ever, tensions are running high amongst our friends, family, and neighbors. We really just want it all to end, so much so that many of us become apathetic to the idea of voting anymore. I am here to ask you not to ignore our upcoming election.

As your pastor, I am not here to tell which party, candidate, or issue to support, those are all for you to decide on your own. I am not here to glorify one side while vilifying the other because that is not my place. I am here simply to ask each of you to vote your conscious, to vote for the candidate or issue that best exemplifies your values as a Christian; that is who or what best aligns with the values of loving our neighbors as ourselves, the values of the Good Samaritan who helped a stranger in need, and the idea that we are to lift up and exult the lowly. The idea of voting for someone who hold onto what we believe and share our values is not just an American thing, it is Biblical. Much of Deuteronomy was Moses’ farewell discourse to the Hebrews as they entered the Promised Land and Moses wanted to make sure that they remembered to choose people to lead them who cared for all the people and who had the wisdom and discernment to lead.

As John Wesley reminds us “I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy: 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.” Far too often we let disagreements get in the way of civil discussion, so much so that we resort to demeaning each other over our differences. We forget the 8th Commandment and how Martin Luther explained it, “We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them and interpret everything they do in the best

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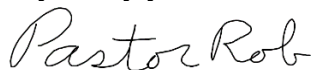
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possible light.” We need to remember that we are all children of God and all created in the image of God, no matter which way we may lean.

The Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock, senator from Georgia, has said two things that have stood out to me as a pastor. The first is the quote above, that our votes are a prayer for how we want the world to be. I have long said our prayers need action tied with them in order for change to happen and voting is that action that ensures the values we hold dear as Christians can become a reality in our society. But we cannot get bogged down in the fighting that inevitably happens this time of year because as Jesus reminds us, a house divided against itself will not stand (Mark 3:25). This is where the second quote from Rev. Warnock comes in. He leaned into his experience as a pastor when asked about bringing people together and said “Listen, if you’ve ever had to get folks who like anthems and folks who like contemporary gospel music to work together, you can do anything.” We can disagree on many things, but we cannot let those disagreements tear us apart.

Let us enter the final weeks of this election season with open hearts and open minds and prayerfully do our civic duty for the future of this country.

Prayerfully yours,



## Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

We recently had some repair work done on the organ and that was finished and the organ was once more in use on Sunday mornings. We were able to pay for this from the present Organ Restoration Fund. We will be meeting on October 1st to discuss further plans for the refurbishing of the organ, having found out that we need to get on the "list" for the Schantz organ company to be in line for work within the next three years. This schedule also will permit us to add to the fund and be prepared to cover the cost of further work. There will not be an organ recital this year- we're taking a year off from that, but please continue to donate to the organ fund as you see fit. Any questions, please talk to Ruth Patrick or Pastor Rob. Thank you!

## Women's Bible Study

By Ruth Patrick

The Women's Bible Study will not meet in October. Please watch for more announcements about future meeting times for the group. Thank you!

## In Appreciation

Many thanks to the members, adults and children, who helped pack the Blessing Bags. We were able to pack 46 in a little bit of time before lunch was served. Thank you to the congregation who donated items and to the folks who provided lunch and helped serve and clean up. Every Emmanuelite will be able to put a bag in their car to offer a person in need. We continue to be grateful for the support given our outreach.

The Service Committee

## Upcoming Events Blessing of the Animals Service October 6, 2024

Join us on Sunday October 6, 2024 at 3:00pm in the parking lot for a Blessing of the Animals service to commemorate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. No animal is too big or too small, Pastor Rob will bless horses, cows, dogs, cats, even snakes. All animals are welcome! A free-will offering will be collected for the Tuscarawas County Humane Society.

## Trunk-or-Treat October 26, 2024

Join us on Saturday October 26, 2024 for our annual Trunk-or-Treat from 5:30-8:00pm in the parking lot. We will have hotdogs, chips, water, apple cider, hot chocolate, and lots of candy. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby to help with cooking and passing out candy. Any questions, see John Foust and Wayne York.

## Welcome to Our New Parish Secretary!

We are happy to welcome Joyce Horn as our new Parish Secretary. Joyce lives on a mini farm she calls Rockhaven Stables just outside of New Philadelphia and retired as a rural mail carrier from the Uhrichsville office of the United States Postal Service. She enjoys riding her Harley motorcycle on benefit rides and has a mini petting zoo which includes several pet sheep, goats, 2 miniature horses, 2 dogs, and several barn kitties. She enjoys doing kids birthday parties which include pony rides for children in her spare time. She also enjoys singing and karaoke and has sung at weddings and private parties. Joyce is looking forward to serving Emmaneul Lutheran Church as our new parish secretary.

## Baptism and First Holy Communion

As we get a new Sunday School year underway, there has been interest from some families about baptism, First Communion, and confirmation classes. If there are any families who are interested in having their child baptized or would like to start First Communion classes, please contact Pastor Rob Eller. First Communion classes would take place during the Sunday School hour on Sundays. Baptisms can be during Sunday worship or in a private ceremony.

## World Food Day: Celebrating 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger

Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day and the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger!

This special online event will be hosted by the Rev. Amy Current, bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and Imran Siddiqui, vice president of the ELCA.

Tune in on Zoom on October 15 to hear firsthand stories from ELCA World Hunger partners — including Educación Popular en Salud (EPES), a community health organization in Chile founded over 40 years ago, and more recent starts such as Tapestry Farms, a Midwestern urban farm system in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois. You'll hear about their work with ELCA World Hunger and their impact on these communities — all as we celebrate 50 years of ministry and get excited for our shared work toward a just world where all are fed. Go to ELCA World Hunger's website to register, receive reminders, event information, World Food Day resources and the event recording. Go to [elca.org/WH50](http://elca.org/WH50) for more details and to register for the Zoom.

## HopeWood Outdoors (LOMO) 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Butter & Fall Festival October 13, 2024 • Noon – 6:00 pm

HopeWood Pines • 2790 State Rt. 61 Marengo, OH

Come celebrate the fall season with us at our annual Apple Butter Festival! Enjoy a wagon ride through camp, sample tasty apple butter, grab a meal, and let the kids have fun in the supervised children's activity area. This year we are excited to offer craft vendors, food trucks, wine and beer vendors, and so much more! Also, enjoy our NEW pumpkin patch while you are there. Come and buy pumpkins of all shapes and sizes and even bring them to paint during our festival!

At our annual Apple Butter Festival, we raise funds for camp scholarships (camperships). Your support can make a big difference — \$590 can send a child to summer camp, and \$2,235 can send a family of four to camp at Luther. Last year, thanks to your generosity, 269 campers were able to attend camp. Help us make camp accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Every contribution matters — thank you for your support!

More info at <https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/program/apple-butter-festival>

**Pastoral Care Visits**

If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements. If you can help with visiting and taking communion to shut-ins, please see Pastor Rob.

**Staying Connected**

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**Words of Wisdom:**

“The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity.”  
 - Mike Stachura

**Worship Volunteers**

**October**

**October 6**  
**Lector:** Marcia Lile  
 (Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)  
**October 13**  
**Greeters:** Neil Rupe and Chuck Moore  
**Lector:** Dane Smith  
**Usher:** Neil Rupe  
**October 20**  
**Greeters:** Ward and Linda Holdsworth  
**Lector:** Marsha Smith  
**Usher:** Barb Rupe  
**Communion Assistants:** Ward and Linda Holdsworth  
**October 27**  
**Greeters:** John and Barb Sandy  
**Lector:** Sally Dorn  
**Usher:** Tom Yanders  
**Communion Assistants:** John and Barb Sandy

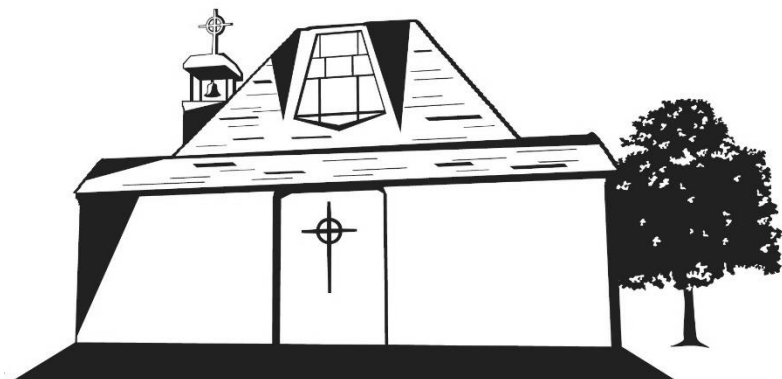
**November**

**November 3**  
**Lector:** Kenny Lab  
 (Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)  
**November 10**  
**Greeters:** John and Barb Sandy  
**Lector:** Jerry Gartrell  
**Usher:**  
**Communion Assistants:** John and Barb Sandy  
**November 17**  
**Greeters:** Neil Rupe and Chuck Moore  
**Lector:** Myrna Hugh  
**Usher:**  
**Communion Assistants:** John Foust and Wayne York  
**November 24**  
**Greeters:** Dane Smith and Dorthy Glass  
**Lector:** Wayne York  
**Usher:**  
**Communion Assistants:** Dick and Myrna Hugh

**Emmanuelite**

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*noun*- A person of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, past or present, who welcomes everyone, who loves and serves their neighbors unconditionally, who puts their faith into action.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 11am - Pastors' Group 2pm - Worship & Music 6pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Zumba Class 7pm - Property Meeting	2 11am - Free Prayer 6pm - Stamp Club	3 4:30pm - Food Pantry	4 Office CLOSED	5 10am - Tractor Pull at 2pm - Birthday Party
6 8:30am - Adult Sunday 8:30am - Kid's Sunday 9am - Choir Rehearsal 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	7 12pm - AA Meeting 6:45pm - Tusc. Co. Coin	8 11am - Pastors' Group 6pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Zumba Class	9	10	11 Office CLOSED	12
13 8:30am - Adult Sunday 8:30am - Kid's Sunday 9am - Choir Rehearsal 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	14 12pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Finance Meeting 6:30pm - Council Meeting	15 11am - Pastors' Group 6pm - Bell Choir 6pm - Stamp Club 6pm - Stamp Club	16 8:30am - Share-a- 1pm - Healing Service	17	18 Messenger DEADLINE Office CLOSED	19
20 8:30am - Adult Sunday 8:30am - Kid's Sunday 9am - Choir Rehearsal 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	21 12pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Budget Hearings	22 11am - Pastors' Group 6pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Zumba Class	23	24	25 Office CLOSED	26 5:30pm - Trunk or Treat
27 8:30am - Adult Sunday 8:30am - Kid's Sunday 9am - Choir Rehearsal 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	28 12pm - AA Meeting	29 11am - Pastors' Group 6pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Zumba Class	30 5:30pm - Pub Theology at	31	1 Office CLOSED	2