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

## Healthy Communication

### From the Desk of Pastor Rob

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. – Psalm 19:14**

**You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. – James 1:19**

**Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. – Ephesians 4:29**

One thing I have come to appreciate about Emmanuel is our openness for communication, especially during and after the open forum potluck we had in September. Being able to talk openly about our thoughts on what is happening in the church and giving constructive criticism and feedback about what is going on, essential for our church to grow and be sustained in the future. Since that forum, the comment box in the lobby has been used on multiple occasions, which is great because it shows that you as the congregation have a vested interest in what is happening in the church.

I want to emphasize the benefits of good healthy communication and the dangers of bad communication, like that of rumors and secrets. When we communicate with each other and with those in leadership about our cares, ideas, concerns, and criticisms, it creates a healthy environment where we are able to be open with each other and conflicts are not as likely to arise. It creates an environment where there is not a fear of being honest with each other and where we are able to work together rather than against each other. I have seen firsthand the devastating effects of unhealthy communication in a congregation and the damage it can do.

I am looking forward to our future open forum potlucks and comment cards in the suggestion box because a congregation that communicates is a healthy one.

Prayerfully yours,

*Pastor Rob*

## Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

Our upcoming Fall Organ Festival will be November 6 at 3:00 pm. Several area organists and pianists will perform some of their favorite pieces of classical and sacred music. We look forward to a wonderful afternoon of inspiring music! Refreshments will be served following the recital. I want to thank the members of the Worship and Music Committee for their help with mailing flyers to the area churches to advertise our event and for many other helpful things they are doing to make this a success.

And a big thank you to Pastor Rob for designing the flyer which you can see posted at Emmanuel. We ask all of you to advertise the recital to your friends, neighbors and relatives and encourage them to attend. The freewill offering will be used for our Organ Restoration Fund.

## WELCA/Women's Bible Study

By Ruth Patrick

To all women of Emmanuel, our next Women's Bible Study will be on November 2 at 1:30 pm in the second floor meeting room. We will be using lesson 2 in the September/October issue of the Gather magazine, if you are a subscriber. Copies of the study will be provided to everyone else. Please join us and add your thoughts and ideas to our conversations and fellowship. We would love to see you there!

## Welcoming a New Arrival!

All women of Emmanuel are cordially invited to attend a baby shower for the little person (Fredrick Robert Eller) who will soon join the family of Pastor Rob, Tanya, and Izzy. The shower will be held on Sunday, November 13, after the church service.

Refreshments will be served. Please indicate if you will attend by signing the sign-up sheet on the counter in the gathering space or by calling the church office at 330-364- 7571. Questions? Please see Deb Ridenour or Ruth Patrick.

They have a baby registry on Amazon (<https://tinyurl.com/babyellerregistry>). They would also appreciate diapers size 2 and up!

## What's Happening at Emmanuel...

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The Service Committee is collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes we send out every year. Flyers are posted in the lobby with items needed. Please consider donating items for the boxes. Boxes will be packed on November 7th with donated goods and other boxes are due by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Thanksgiving Baskets

We are once again partnering with the New Philadelphia School District to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to families in need. We are looking for non-perishable food items like canned good and boxed items like stuffing and mashed potatoes as well as money for grocery store gift cards for the turkey or other meat. If you have questions, please see Kay Frantz or Myrna Hugh from the Service Committee.

### Annual Meeting Part 1

On Sunday November 27 after worship, we will have the first of our annual meetings, this one to review and vote on the mission plan for the 2023 fiscal year. Copies of the mission plan will be available two weeks prior to the meeting after the congregation council has voted on it. Please come to the meeting with any questions or concerns you have for the mission plan.

## In Other News... Mid-week Advent Worship

First Presbyterian Church, New Philadelphia, is once again holding mid-week worship services for Advent on Wednesday Evenings. Details on the services are forthcoming and will be shared when finalized.

## Christmas Poinsettias

Keep an eye out for the order form for Christmas poinsettias, it will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

## 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.

## November Birthdays!

1 – Joan Jones  
4 – Bradlee Ritenour  
6 – Ken Lab  
9 – Kinley Perkowski  
14 – Kenny Lab  
15 – Diane Griffith  
21 – Beverly Watson  
24 – Carole Bates  
25 – Cade Shackelford  
26 – Rosalind Hooker  
29 – Suzanne Petranek  
Judy Swinehart

## President Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation, October 3, 1863

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

## September Financials

Income:  
\$19,098.28

Expenses:  
\$15,110.16

Difference:  
\$3,988.12

November Benevolence:  
ELCA World Hunger



## Worship Volunteers

### November

**November 6**  
**Lector:** Sally Dorn  
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

**November 13**  
**Greeters:** Butch Baker (parking lot)  
Barb Baker (by bulletins)  
**Lector:** Dane Smith  
**Usher:** Neil Rupe  
**Communion Assistants:** Bob and Lois Victor

**November 20**  
**Greeters:** Ward Holdsworth (parking lot)  
Linda Holdsworth (by bulletins)  
**Lector:** Lois Victor  
**Usher:** John Sandy  
**Communion Assistants:** Ward and Linda Holdsworth

**November 27**  
**Greeters:** Rob Sterling (parking lot)  
Karen Sterling (by bulletins)  
**Lector:** Marcia Lile  
**Usher:** Barb Sandy  
**Communion Assistants:** Rob and Karen Sterling

### 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:

“Jesus comes not for the super-spiritual but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don’t have it all together, and who are not too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace.”

-Brennan Manning,  
*The Ragamuffin Gospel*

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