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



From the Desk of Pastor Rob

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. – Matthew 22:37-39

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Just by reading those verses above you can probably guess what the theme of my article is this month. There is one word that is repeated in all three of those verses, love. Love is found all throughout the Bible. According to the website BibleGateway, “love” appears 731 times in the New Revised Standard Version. (Other translations may use other words, for example the King James will substitute “charity” for love in some cases.) That is a lot of instances of “love” in the Bible.

It does not stop there. While we only have one word in the English language for “love”, there are four different words in Greek that mean different kinds of love and they all appear in the Bible; Storge - empathy bond, Philia – friend bond, Eros – romantic love, Agape – unconditional "God" love. It is no surprise that Agape is the most common one used. In both verses I quoted at the beginning, Agape is the original word used for love. Agape is unconditional love, love that has no bounds, it's the love that God shows us and gives us and commands us to give to others. It's the love that we are to show our neighbors. The final miracle that Jesus ever performed was healing the ear of a man wounded by one of Jesus's disciples when Jesus was arrested. Jesus still heals people wounded by misguided followers who think Jesus needs defended against. That is love for one another.

I have preached many times in the past about love, it seems pretty simple and straight forward. The central theme of the Gospels is love; God's love for us, our love for our neighbors, and yes even our love for our enemies. Without love, nothing is possible and as St. Paul wrote, everything is meaningless.

Prayerfully yours,

Pastor Rob

Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

ORGAN RESTORATION FUND AND RECITAL

We are looking forward to our second organ recital which will occur on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 3PM. Several area organists will play some of their favorite organ works and refreshments will be served.

Emmanuel has a long history of valuing music, both instrumental and vocal, to enhance worship. Our Schantz Organ was built and installed in 1972 when the current sanctuary was built. Within the next ten years, this beautiful instrument will need significant repairs and maintenance. The free will offering that we will receive at the recital will go to the Emmanuel Organ fund.

The Emmanuel Organ Restoration Fund has been set up to provide for the ongoing care of our organ and also as an investment in its future. A total restoration of our Schantz organ could cost in the neighborhood of \$230,000, which, I'm sure you will all agree, is a significant amount of money. Much discussion and thought will need to occur as the time comes closer to address this process. We have been told by our organ specialists that in less than ten years we may need to seriously consider taking some action on restoring the organ.

The recital on November 6 will be open to the community and we certainly hope that many of our congregation will be present to enjoy the music and also that you will encourage your friends and neighbors to attend as well. If you have questions about the organ, please feel free to ask me and I'll do my best to answer them!

WELCA/Women's Bible Study

By Ruth Patrick

All women of Emmanuel are invited and encouraged to come to our new Bible study beginning on Wednesday, October 5 at 1:30 pm. We will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the second-floor room on the right side of the hall. Remember that you can use the elevator to access the second floor if needed.

Our Bible study focus will be Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith. The first session will focus on trees, vines, branches and other flora. Jesus teaches us about our reliance on God and on one another. We will talk about taking into consideration the environment in which Jesus lived and which shaped his teaching. We'll discuss expanding our understanding of God's work in our lives and in the world.

Come and join your fellow women of Emmanuel for a time of fellowship, learning and growing together. Ruth Patrick will be the leader and there is nothing to purchase, the study material will be provided for you each month.

What's Happening at Emmanuel...

Trunk or Treat Fall Carnival

Congregational Life Committee would like to invite everyone on October 29, 2022 from 11:00am to 2:00pm to our Trunk or Treat Fall Carnival. There will be food, games, fun, and of course an opportunity to trick or treat from the trunks of our cars. We invite everyone to come with their trunks decorated and full of candy to give out.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The Service Committee is collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes we send out every year. On the next pages you will find the lists for each age group. Please consider donating items for the boxes.

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.

Altar Flowers

A reminder, the cost has gone up now, \$20 for 1 vase or \$40 for 2.

In Appreciation...

To our family and friends at Emmanuel,
We wish to thank you for your outpouring of love and kindness at the passing of our mother Margie

The Rupe family

In Other News...

Pickleball

Ever hear of the game of pickleball? It's a hybrid of tennis and ping pong, played on a court half the size of a tennis court with large paddles and a plastic ball with holes. Well, here at Emmanuel we have 3 portable pickleball sets. If anyone is interested in starting a pick up pickleball game, please see Pastor Rob.

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.



God's Work, Our Hands



A HUGE thank you to everyone who stayed after worship on September 11 to help with the building cleanup for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. It was great seeing a sea of yellow GWOH shirts as well as the Emmanuel and Thrivent shirts. The woodwork in and around the sanctuary was cleaned, as were the fellowship hall, kitchen, parlor, conference room and nursery. The outside got some needed attention with the window wells and sidewalk edging. It was the first step of many to addressing long overdue maintenance and cleaning around our building and grounds. We will have more clean-up days in the future to address other areas of the church.

Emmanuel History with Pastor Rob

Just over fifty years ago, Emmanuel Lutheran Church lost its second church building to a fire. This bit of our history is common knowledge among the members here. What might not be however is just how much we were able to recover from the fire. Some of most visible items are a portion of the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary as well as the baptismal font. There are other items however, but you have to look around for them. In the display case near the coat rack in the lobby is the old altar cross and the Altar Service Book from the hymnal of that era currently resides in Pastor's office. In the archives room and near the sacristy entrance to the sanctuary are two pews from the 1870 building. In pastor's office is the pulpit chair used by the Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Greenwald, the founding pastor of this congregation. The bell in the tower that we ring every Sunday is from the bell tower of the 1870 building. Finally, the chimes on our 1971 Schantz organ were recovered from the original organ and incorporated in. Other items were salvaged and repurposed, but have been lost over time, like light fixtures made from wood recovered from the old organ and pieces of stained-glass windows.

August Financials

Income:
\$13,284.67

Expenses:
\$17,438.13

Difference:
(\$4,152.46)

October
Benevolence:
Friends of the
Homeless of
New
Philadelphia

Worship Volunteers

October

October 2
Lector: Rob Sterling
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

October 9
Greeters: Lori Rainsberg (parking lot)
Mary Lou Westbrook (by bulletins)
Lector: Carole Bates
Usher: Dane Smith
Communion Assistants: Dick and Myrna Hugh

October 16
Greeters: Chuck Moore (parking lot)
Helaine Moore (by bulletins)
Lector: Tom Yanders
Usher: Tom Yanders
Communion Assistants: John and Barb Sandy

October 23
Greeters: Neil Rupe (parking lot)
Dorothy Kaufman (by bulletins)
Lector: Bob Victor
Usher: Dorothy Kaufman
Communion Assistants: Ward and Linda Holdsworth

October 30
Greeters: Dane Smith (parking lot)
Shirley Brug (by bulletins)
Lector: Ken Lab
Usher: Shirley Brug
Communion Assistants: Roger and Marcia Lile

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

Words of Wisdom:

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

-Martin Luther

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<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!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 6:30pm - Singles Euchre
2 9:30 am Worship Service	3 12pm - AA Meeting 6:45pm - Tusc. Co. Coin	4 11am - Pastors' Group 2:15pm - Worship & 6:30pm - Zumba Class 7pm - PROPERTY	5 1:30pm - WELCA Meeting 6pm - Stamp Club	6 4:30pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - Choir practice	7 Office CLOSED 6:30pm - Narcotics Anon	8
9 9:30 am Worship Service	10 COUNCIL Meeting 6:30 12pm - AA Meeting	11 11am - Pastors' Group 6:30pm - Zumba Class	12	13 6:30pm - Choir practice	14 Office CLOSED 6:30pm - Narcotics Anon	15
16 9:30 am Worship Service Joyful Noise OFFERING	17 12pm - AA Meeting	18 Messenger DEADLINE 11am - Pastors' Group 1:30pm - Free Family 6pm - Stamp Club 6:30pm - Zumba Class	19	20 6:30pm - Choir practice	21 Office CLOSED 6:30pm - Narcotics Anon	22
23 9:30 am Worship Service EAT & GREET w/Pr. Rob	24 12pm - AA Meeting	25 11am - Pastors' Group 6:30pm - Zumba Class	26	27 6:30pm - Choir practice	28 Office CLOSED 6:30pm - Narcotics Anon	29 11am - Trunk or Treat
30 9:30 am Worship Service	31 12pm - AA Meeting	1	2	3	4	5