

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

**INSIDE THIS MONTH'S ISSUE**

**From the Desk of Pastor Rob**

Monthly letter from Pastor Rob on an important topic in the church

**Musical Notes**

The latest news and info from Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

**Thank you and farewell**

A note from Tom and Vicki Locker

**Emmanuel History**

A new segment looking at the history of the church

**What's Happening...**

Important upcoming events here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and in the community

**Staying Connected**

330-364-7571

Church Office  
office@emmanuelnp.com

740-214-6896

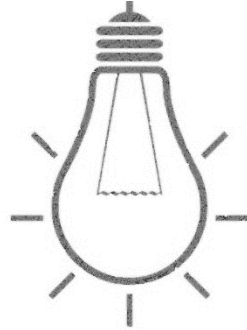
Pastor Rob Eller's Cell  
pastor@emmanuelnp.com

330-260-1224

Prayer Chain

www.emmanuelnp.com

facebook.com/  
EmmanuelNewPhilly  
instagram.com/  
EmmanuelNewPhilly



## Year in Review

### From the Desk of Pastor Rob

Well, it's been a year since you called me as your pastor and since I started my time with all of you and what a year it has been. There have been great times and some bumps in the road but overall, this year has been nothing short of great for my family and I here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and in Tuscarawas County. COVID has brought some changes to how we do things around here and while we aren't quite back to the way things were in the before times, we're almost there. We have reintroduced parts of the worship service that were taken out because of the pandemic and others that have been absent for other reasons. They told us in seminary not to make any changes in your first year. Oops, I guess I didn't quite pay attention to that lesson, but everything has been well received here.

From Trunk or Treat to the Neighborhood Carnival, we are reaching out into the community to continue to be a presence in New Philadelphia. By reaffirming that we are welcoming community of believers, we show that our doors are open to everyone, regardless of who they are, what they look like, where they're from, or who they love.

There are grand plans and ideas coming in the future here, later in this issue you will see the long-range plans that your church council came up with during our council retreat this past February. A couple of the plans have already been put into actions while others are in the planning stages. All of these plans and ideas lead up to the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this congregation in 2031 so that we can be around for at least another one hundred years in this community. We have been a presence in the community since it's early days and I want us to continue to be for many years to come.

I have been moved by the way all you welcomed my family into the church and have made us part of this great community. We truly feel like we belong here and we can't wait to continue to raise our family here. This has been an exciting year, and the future is looking bright here.

Prayerfully yours,

*Pastor Rob*

## Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

### 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.

## Emmanuel History with Pastor Rob

Welcome to a new semi regular column in the newsletter where I will explore some pieces of history that I uncover about



the church. You may have noticed this logo appearing on the bulletin recently. I came across some items in the church with this over the last few months, including old letterhead and a lapel pin that I wear. After some careful reconstruction, the logo has been resurrected by combining it with the text from the current one as a way to embrace the past while looking to the future. The original meaning was “The Building is the Manger and the People are the Body of Emmanuel.” Look for this black and white and the full color versions to be making more regular appearances in the future.

## What's Happening...

### Christmas in July!

**July 25 6:30pm**

Join us on July 25 at 6:30pm for a Christmas in July party. We'll be showing the movie The Polar Express in the fellowship hall while enjoying hot chocolate and other special treats. Take a break from the heat of summer and let's pretend it's winter again!

## In Appreciation...

To our friends at Emmanuel... We want to thank Pastor Rob, Tanya, Izzy, church council and members for the cards, cake, kind words, and continuous support during our many years at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We will be in town through early July. After that you can find us at 130 Green Lane, Pickerington, Ohio 43147. Vicki, 330-340-5376, and Tom, 330-340-1271. lockerv@roadrunner.com. God bless! Tom and Vicki Locker

Thank you to everyone who helped the Congregational Life Committee with the change of location of the church service for the picnic. Also, a big thank you to everyone who helped with the carnival. It takes everyone helping.

Barb Rupe  
Congregational Life Chair

Dear Pastor Rob,  
Thank you for such a beautiful spiritual and personal tribute to our mother. She's got to be very pleased up there in heaven. As I said to you in your office, Emmanuel Lutheran Church mean a great deal to her  
Many blessings,  
Cindy Mushrush

Neil, Barb, Emmanuel Lutheran Church,  
Thank you so much for hosting our 4K for Cancer team and providing dinner! We could not do this journey without your support!

Best Regards,  
Team Zion 2022  
Instagram: 4K for Cancer

Back in February, your church council met to lay out some long-term planning for the church, in the form of 1-, 3-, and 5-year goals as well as some ongoing goals that need to continuously addressed. All of these are attainable over time and are needed to move the church forward into the future. You will notice some of them have already been checked off and that's because not long after creating this list, they were taken care of. If you have further ideas for the future, please don't hesitate to reach out to council.

## **1-year goals:**

Worship volunteer communications board ✓  
Community classes (art, cooking, etc.)  
Hospitality committee  
Rekey the church ✓  
Hispanic outreach

## **5-year goals:**

Youth program  
Internship site  
Preschool  
Phase 2 of Capital Campaign  
    New roof  
    New boilers  
    A/C in fellowship hall  
    New 2nd Street entrance for fellowship hall  
    Fellowship Hall overhaul

## **3-year goals:**

Nonprofit incubator  
Phase 1 of Capital Campaign  
    Replace exterior doors and fellowship hall windows  
    Bathrooms  
    Green space revitalization with covered picnic pavilion, stage, electric  
    Parking lot overhaul with covered entrance

## **Ongoing:**

Annual deep cleaning  
General upkeep of building and grounds  
Contact all members, active and inactive  
Increase weekly attendance and giving  
Outreach to the schools and community  
More involvement youth in church  
Better social media presence

## Important Calendar Dates July 2022

4 – Independence Day  
Office CLOSED  
2 – Food Pantry –  
4:00-8:00pm  
5 – Property  
Committee Meeting –  
5:00pm  
11 – Council Meeting  
– 6:30pm  
12 – Worship & Music  
Committee Meeting–  
2:15pm  
17 – Joyful Noise  
Sunday  
Congregational Life  
Meeting – after church  
18 – Messenger  
Deadline  
25 – Christmas in July  
Party – 6:30pm

## Worship Volunteers July

**July 3: Pentecost**  
**Lector:** Myrna Hugh  
(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:** Rob Sterling  
**Communion Assistants:** Karen  
Sterling 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 Lisa  
Lab

## August

**August 7**  
**Lector:** Jerry Gartrell  
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion  
Assistants from Council)  
**August 14**  
**Greeters:** John Frank (parking lot)  
Joyce Frank (by bulletins)  
**Lector:** Sally Dorn  
**Usher:** Barb Sandy  
**Communion Assistants:** Ward and  
Linda Holdsworth  
**August 21**  
**Greeters:** Roger Lile (parking lot)  
Marcia Lile (by bulletins)  
**Lector:** Dane Smith  
**Usher:** Dane Smith  
**Communion Assistants:** Dick and  
Myrna Hugh  
**August 28**  
**Greeters:** Butch Baker (parking lot)  
Barb Baker (by bulletins)  
**Lector:** Lois Victor  
**Usher:** John Sandy  
**Communion Assistants:** Butch and  
Barb Baker

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

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!

