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SPIRITUAL GIFTS



MANY GIFTS ONE SPIRIT

From the Desk of Pastor Rob

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27-28

For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Romans 12:4-8

We hear the phrase often, spiritual gifts, but what exactly are they? St. Paul wrote about them frequently in his letters to the early church, two of those such mentions are above. St. Paul knew the church would need assistance in its early years and that everyone would need pitch in to help, using what the gifts that had been given to them by God through the Holy Spirit. Whether we realize it or not, we all have spiritual gifts to share with the church, we may not realize what they are exactly right now, but soon we will.

In a previous sermon, I mentioned the Spiritual Gifts Assessment tool from the ELCA. In the coming weeks, I will be giving a brief temple talk where I'll go into more detail about it and give everyone an opportunity to take the assessment, whether on paper or on the computer. The aim is not to guilt everyone into doing more at the church but to get all of you better plugged into the ministries here that are better suited for your strengths. Emmanuel is our church, our responsibility and together we can see it grow and thrive from now into the future.

Prayerfully yours,

Pastor Rob

Musical Notes

By Ruth Patrick, Director of Worship and Music

EMMANUEL CHOIR

Emmanuel choir rehearsals will begin at a NEW TIME, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, at 6:30 pm, in the downstairs choir room. If you have been unable to attend and join our choir due to your work schedule, we hope the new time will provide this opportunity. Please speak to Ruth Patrick if you would like to join our choir. We are always excited to have new members!

ORGAN RESTORATION CONCERT AND FUND

Our second Organ Restoration Fund organ recital will be held on Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 pm. Area and community organists will provide music and refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be received in aid of the organ fund.

WELCA/Women's Bible Study

By Ruth Patrick

The WELCA of Emmanuel Lutheran church would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Katie's Fund collection last February. A total of \$96.87 was collected and sent in. Katie's Fund was named in honor of Katie Luther, Martin Luther's wife, and the money is administered by the Women of the Lutheran Church in America and used to further women's programming around the world.

Our Women's Bible Study will begin meeting on Wednesday, October 5 at 1:30 pm in the Parlor. Anyone who subscribes to Gather magazine should bring their October issue to the meeting. Copies of the study will be available for those who don't subscribe to Gather. Ruth Patrick will be the leader and ALL women of Emmanuel are encouraged to attend.

Emmanuel History with Pastor Rob

Many of you are probably familiar with the ELCA's monthly magazine, Living Lutheran. It has gone through changes over the years, whether that is the recent logo change from a couple years ago or before that when it went from its previous name, The Lutheran to the current one. Many years before any of this, long before the ELCA even came into being, there were many different Lutheran denominations in the United States. One of the oldest ones was the Joint Synod of Ohio. In 1842, they started a magazine called The Lutheran Standard, with the Rev. Dr. Emanuel Greenwald as its first editor, working on the magazine in the basement of this church. Through the course of mergers, The Lutheran Standard evolved over time, becoming what we know as Living Lutheran today. That's right, the ELCA's magazine was started right here, in the basement of the original Emmanuel Lutheran Church building!

In Appreciation...

Dear Pastor Rob,
Again, thank you for the lovely memorial service you did for my mom. I'm sending you her Red Cake recipe.
Many blessings,
Cindy Mushrush

Evelyn Mushrush's Red Cake Recipe

1 ½ cup white sugar
½ cup Crisco or butter
2 eggs
1 cup buttermilk
2 ½ cup flour
2 tbsps. cocoa powder
1 tbsp. vinegar
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
2 oz. red food coloring

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs. In a small bowl, put cocoa and food coloring to make a paste. Add paste mixture to the shortening mixture. Add salt. Alternate adding flour and buttermilk. Put 2 holes in batter with a spoon. In 1 hole put vinegar, in other whole put baking soda. Fold them individually into the batter then all together. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Frosting

5 tbsp. flour and 1 cup milk in pan and cookie until real thick, stir constantly. Set aside to cool
Cream 1 cup butter, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla until fluffy. Add flour and milk mixture to butter mixture and beat until fluffy.
(Recommend doubling this, you will want more.)

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Important Calendar Dates August 2022

- 2 – Property Committee Meeting – 5:00pm
- 4 – Food Pantry – 4:00-8:00pm
- 8 – Council Meeting – 6:30pm
- 18 – Messenger Deadline
- 21 – Joyful Noise Sunday Ministry Fair
- 28 – Council Townhall Meeting and potluck brunch – after worship

Worship Volunteers

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

September

- September 4**
Lector: Marcia Lile
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)
- September 11**
Greeters: Lori Rainsberg (parking lot)
Mary Lou Westbrook (by bulletins)
Lector: Mary Jane John
Usher: Sylas McClune
Communion Assistants: Bob and Lois Victor
- September 18**
Greeters: Tom Yanders (parking lot)
Bonnie Yanders (by bulletins)
Lector: Myrna Hugh
Usher: Tom Yanders
Communion Assistants: Butch and Barb Baker
- September 25**
Greeters: Ken Lab (parking lot)
Lisa Lab (by bulletins)
Lector: Barb Rupe
Usher: Neil Rupe
Communion Assistants: Ken and Lisa Lab



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Words of Wisdom:

We will never change the world by going to church.
We will only change the world by being the church.

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 Flags!

