

**Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:***Judgment is coming.*

That's been the message over the last couple of weeks, including for this upcoming Sunday. For the Christian, this is unequivocally part of the good news.

Judgment means *resurrection*. And it also means the end of evil, and the inability of any evildoer (whether man or demon) to inflict evil on anyone anymore.

From the sermon:

"No matter what the current state of the world may look like, All Saints Sunday and the judgment that is to come reminds us that what may look like loss, setback, or the defeat of Christianity, is always and everywhere the outplaying of the winning hand. When impoverished Nigerian Christians are systematically killed by Islamists, it may look like the death of Christianity. But it is not. When fewer and fewer Christians in the West turn to faith, it may look like the end of Christianity, but it is not.

What is coming is vindication and victory. The saints will win; there is no other option, no other outcome."

This Sunday, we'll hear that the *resurrection* comes from the very character of God: He is the God of the *living*.

Watch this past Sunday's sermon [here](#) or read it [here](#).

In Christ our Lord,  
+ Pastor Justin Baker

**Today, Wednesday, November 5th**

11:00 AM, Sanctuary

**Prayer for Family**

*As is our habit on the first Wednesday of every month, we join in praying especially for our children and grandchildren, but also now for all family members who are not among the faithful.*

**Newsworthy****Prayer List To Be Reset | Beginning Nov. 30th**

On the first Sunday of Advent, in accordance with the beginning of the church year, we will reset prayer requests. You'll need to let Michele Hiener know if you would

like to include your loved one for the New Church Year. Going forward, we want to include more details so that our congregation can better pray for those on this list (long-term illness, hospitalization, short-term illness, physical pain, etc.). There will, of course, be a "catch-all" for those who need absolute privacy. This will likely take a little time to get right, but this will help us all to pray more clearly for those in need.

### **Kids' Activity Bags**

There are blue activity bags for kids to use during the worship service hanging up next to the table with the bulletins in the Narthex. Please borrow and use them for kids, grandkids, and visitors! They include a childrens' bulletin for the week with activities themed around the Scripture passages as well as water reveal activity books and books themed around this time of year in the church calendar.

### **Blackburn Donations**

We are collecting items for the Blackburn Center during November. A comprehensive list of items we are collecting is available posted in the Narthex. The last day to donate items is Sunday, November 23rd.

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## **Worship**

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### **Upcoming Brookdale Service | Nov. 21, 11AM**

On Friday, November 21st, we will be holding a brief worship service at Brookdale Senior Living in Murrysville. We will begin the service at 11am and it will likely last around half an hour. Please join us if you are able!

### **Confirmation Service for Faith Palmer | The First Sunday in Advent**

Faith Palmer will be confirmed on November 30th, the First Sunday in Advent. A brief reception will be held after the service to celebrate Faith and her new step in her Christian walk. Please plan to join us then!

### **Advent Services | Beginning Dec. 3**

During Advent, we will hold a light dinner and a worship service every Wednesday night. The first of these will coincide with the ELCW's Advent Event, which is open to all (not just the women). And so, we will begin with hors d'oeuvres that evening at 6pm.

## **Discipleship**

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### **Bible Study in Acts | Mondays, 1PM & 6:30PM**

#### **From Acts 7:17-34**

"Luke has been preparing us for this sermon from the entirety of his Gospel, but specifically the very end of his gospel and in Acts so far. We have heard how Jesus showed his disciples that the law, the prophets, and the psalms spoke of him — his suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and proclamation, beginning in Jerusalem. We have been hearing throughout Acts how the apostles have been making the case that the risen Jesus is the

Christ. And now, at last, we are seeing and hearing an example of this very sermon."

[View Last Week's Lesson Here](#)

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### Sunday School, 9AM

#### **Live Not By Lies | A Four-Part Class During November**

Join us for Sunday School during the month of November for *Live Not By Lies*. This is an important discussion about the way culture pressures us into telling lies, and how to resist that pressure.

This is a docu-series ([Watch the Trailer Here](#)) that we'll continue watching and discussing.

#### **Fellowship Hour | Last Sunday in November**

*An Advent Activity*

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### Fellowship & Evangelism

#### **GriefShare**

Stay tuned for details about the Grief Share program. This program is for anyone, both inside and outside of this congregation, who has experienced the death of a loved one. If you have any interest joining sessions, please signup in the narthex.

This is a video based, facilitator led program. Read more information and see an introductory video [here](#). We'll plan to pick a time to begin meetings soon.

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#### **Free Tickets to the Christmas Pilgrimage**

We have been generously offered free tickets. For more information about the pilgrimage, visit the website [here](#). If you would like tickets, please let Danette Hunter know.

The 2025 Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th & Sunday, December 7th, 2025.

Join us for our child-friendly Pilgrimage Junior event the afternoon of Sunday, December 7.



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#### **Looking Ahead: Christmas Luncheon**

The Fellowship/Evangelism Team has decided to have the annual Emmanuel Christmas party as a lunch this year. Here are the specifics:

**What:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Christmas Party

**Who:** All Emmanuel members are invited

**When:** Saturday, December 13 at 12:00 noon

**Where:** The Lamplighter (6566 Route 22, Delmont, PA)

**Menu:** Stuffed chicken breast, lettuce salad, mashed potatoes with gravy on the side, green beans, fruit cup, and assorted desserts. Cash bar available.

**Deadline:** We must have a final count for the restaurant by Sunday, December 7, so please be sure your name is on the sign-up sheet by then.

**Payment:** Get your Check (made out to Julie Schamber) or cash, \$22.00 per person, to Julie Schamber.

## Stewardship

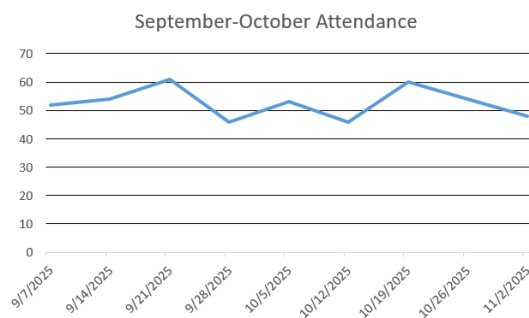
The following work has been completed over this past year:

- sealing and stripping the parking lot
- painting the wood trim (and, as of this week, replacing all rotten trim)
- new roof on the pavilion
- carpets cleaned
- bathrooms and kitchen deep cleaned and waxed

### Attendance and Offering: September and October

This congregation was extraordinarily generous in the month of September, so thank you to all who gave!

I (pastor) request that those of you have been out of worship regularly, to return as you are able. For those of you who are unable to return, and who would like home communion, please reach out directly to me or to Caroline.



## More This Week

### Wednesday, November 5

11:00am-12:00pm: Family Prayer

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 53155

7:00 - 8:00pm: Steps and Stories

### Thursday, November 6

7:00 - 9:00pm: Troop 208

7:30 - 9:00pm: Al-Anon

### **Friday, November 7**

6:00 - 8:00pm: Troop 50327

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 22123

### **Sunday, November 9**

9:00 - 10:00am: Live Not By Lies Sunday School

10:15 - 11:15am: Worship Service

### **Monday, November 10**

1:00 - 2:00pm: Acts Bible Study

2:00-3:30: Quilting with the ELCW

6:30 - 7:30pm: Start the Week

6:30 - 7:30pm: Acts Bible Study

### **Tuesday, November 11**

9:00 - 10:00am: Bell Choir Rehearsal

10:00 - 11:30am: Bell Choir Subset

6:00 - 8:00pm: Champion Cheerleading

7:00-8:30pm: Worship Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 12**

11:00am - 12:00pm: Prayer Group (Zoom)

1:00-2:30pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 53155

7:00 - 8:00pm: Steps and Stories

[Click to View More](#)

### **November Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### **Birthdays:**

11/1 Jeanne Yargar

11/1 Mary Lou Zalin

11/3 Judy Sieg

11/8 David Yargar

11/10 Ernesto Carns

11/14 Dana Sadler

11/14 Scott Gustafson

11/19 Mark Heyl

11/22 Vince Berardinelli

11/22 Dorothy Datemash

11/26 Dave Whipkey

11/30 Kaleb Wee

#### **Anniversaries:**

11/26 Rev. Greg and Angela Held (48 yrs)

### Council Meeting Highlights October 15, 2025

- Emmanuel is reaching a new point of lower attendance.
- An additional \$13,000.00 is being set aside to benevolences and missionary support.
- A monthly service at the Brookdale home is being launched. It will be the third Friday, starting in November.
- In mid-November, office secretary Caroline Hall will start discussions on coordinating the scheduling of those who serve during the Sunday services.
- A list of procedures on how and when things are done around the church is being compiled.
- A grief share program has been ordered by the Fellowship and Evangelism Committee.
- Discussion is ongoing about getting a cellphone for the church.
- Discussion is ongoing about getting a sound system for Luther Hall and Heritage Hall.
- Discussion is ongoing about an aid plan for benevolence in 2026.

### New Photo Gallery on Our Website!

We've added a photo gallery to our website to make pictures easier to access and view (and to make the newsletter clearer). Contact the office to add pictures of events to the gallery! (We will feature fewer photos in the newsletters so that we can include more on the website.) View the website photos [here](#).



### Last Sunday's Service

[Click here to view the service.](#)

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**Have more pictures from any of our events?**  
Send them our way -- don't want to leave you out!

## Altar Flowers

If you've signed up to provide altar flowers, please email the office a few weeks in advance to let us know what or who you would like the flowers to be dedicated to and how you would like the dedication to read!

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