

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

Money is dangerous. That's the lesson we have been hearing in the Scriptures and sermons from the last two weeks:

"These parables, these warnings passages, and this example from Acts are so good for us to hear, because our culture very much loves money and possessions. It is part of the air we breathe, and so we need to hear from God's Word to hear how differently we may need to think and live in regards to money, to possessions, to our lives — to all that we have been given."

"We know that we come into this world with nothing and that we will leave this world with nothing. And yet, it's extraordinarily easy to miss the purpose of money. Because of how deceptive money is, when money begins to trickle in and accumulate, it's easy to begin organizing the money — extra spending, extra saving, this investment, that investment, and so on. But the reason any of us is given money beyond our most basic needs is for the good of our neighbor."

Consider the poor man, Lazarus, whom the rich man ignored, day after day. Daily, the rich man feasted, believing himself to be enjoying all the good things in life -- clothes, wine, food, comfort. And yet, for his entire life, he ignored the poor man, who was the true gift given to the rich man. There was Lazarus, laid at his gate, poor, covered in sores, whom the rich man could have anointed, brought into his home, given a place at his table, and fed and clothed.

"Hear this. The real gift is the person with whom we can share, lift up, or elevate through our use of money. The real gift is not the riches we have been given, but the person with whom we share our riches.

It is the same with our Lord Jesus. He gave up all of his riches — his whole creation — to become incarnate, to be born of the virgin Mary, to walk among us, to be lifted up in death on the cross. He gave up all things that he might win some of us — to share his eternal riches with us."

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

Four Opportunities to Serve!

- (1) Move chairs this Sunday following the service so that carpet cleaning may take place Monday & Tuesday.
- (2) Vote on our proposed budget following the service on October 12.
- (3) Stuff the Truck at our upcoming Mission District Convocation. Supplies listed in this newsletter and will be available in the narthex.
- (4) Volunteer (especially greeters & grillers) for and/or attend the Mission District Convocation at our Church, Saturday, October 18.

In Christ our Lord,

Today, Wednesday, October 1st

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.

United Together, We Pray

Prayers for Mission Workers

- For the Omars and their ministry among Muslims in the Atlanta region; for the Thorstads in their work in Laos & Thailand; and for Dure Negassa and the Rev. Gemachu in their ministry in Kenya among the Oromos.

More information about our mission workers here: The Rev. Dr. Thomas Thorstad and his wife "Moon" of Laos (follow [this link](#) to learn more about the ministry of the Thorstads); and Dure Negassa, representing the ministry and work of the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu of Kenya (follow [this link](#) to learn more about the ministry of Dure Negassa and the Rev. Gemachu). Follow [this link](#) for more information about the Omars.

Prayers for those in need of Intercession:

Bob Jordan, Steve Cehovin, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Linda Casper, Vince Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester, Pastor Brian Shirey, Alyssa, Jerry, Ryker, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Aria, Ray, Jeff, David, Cathy, Leila, Grace, Darin, Alice, Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Mervin, Shawn, Lynn, Ginny, Roger, Betty, Zac, Les, Kenny, Gary, Linda, Michael, Missy, Jim, Bonnie, Tony, Sarah, Denise, Harry, Millicent, Stephanie, and Ruthie

Prayers of Bereavement

Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember the family of Rob Greenleaf and the family of Don. Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting.

Prayer for this Church

We pray that you will fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. We pray that you make us one people united in prayer. We pray that you will send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name.

Newsworthy

Congregational Budget Meeting

October 12th, Immediately Following the Service

We will meet after service on October 12th to vote on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026. We will also vote on the proposed amendments to the NALC's constitution, below.

[Click here to view the proposed budget.](#) The budget has a modest 4% increase year-over-year and includes 10% dedicated to benevolence.

The NALC has voted on three constitutional amendments to the NALC's constitution that must be ratified by at least 50% of her congregations within six months of Lutheran Week. As a result, we'll be voting on these amendments at our October Congregational Budget Meeting. Click [this link](#) to read a summary of each of the three amendments.

Or, read each document in full below:

[Click here to read Amendment 1.](#)

[Click here for Amendment 2.](#)

[And here for Amendment 3!](#)

Mission District Convocation

Saturday, October 18 at Emmanuel,
8AM-3PM

We're hosting the mission district convocation. This will be a big one, because we're finalizing the mission district's constitution to move from being a mission district to a mission region (composed of four districts). Bishop Dan Selbo will be the guest speaker for the convocation and will be preaching the following Sunday here at Emmanuel.

As hosts, we'll need help grilling, greeting, serving. Signup to help is posted in the Narthex. See the flyer at the end (and posted around the church) for more information!

There will be a Stuff the Truck, and we will be collecting Bibles, Health Care Kits, and Flood Buckets. See below for details on each of those items!

Worship

New Communion Chalice

The church has purchased a new pouring chalice for use during Communion thanks to our *Memorial Fund*. This upcoming Sunday, we will pray over and dedicate the chalice as part of the worship service.

Discipleship

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

Notice further that fear continues to be a motivating factor. We heard that “great fear” came upon all as a result of the deaths of Ananias & Sapphira, and what followed was multitudes of the apostles believing. Contrast this fear of God with the fear of man: the captain and his officers are afraid of the crowd, lest they be stoned. Their fear is misplaced.

Reflection:

What does this scene in the life of the Church reveal about God and his will?

We heard that God is in charge, always has the ability to surprise us, and --even though we know He made the world and raised Jesus from the dead--we still do not give Him enough credit for what he is able to accomplish. His will *will* be done.

We further reflected on this: *Why do we tend to avoid speaking about fearing God when we often do fear what man may do?*

[View This Past Monday's Lesson from Acts 5:22-32 Here](#)

Sunday School, 9AM Study on Philemon & Study on the Apostles' Creed

About the Philemon Class

Join MaryAnn for the second class on *Philemon*, a one-chapter letter from Paul to Philemon. We will ask big questions about what this letter has to say about slavery.

About the Apostles' Creed Class | Becomes Worship Class Beginning October 12

Join us for the final class on the Apostles' Creed, a rock-solid foundation of our faith *that in some form* likely was developing during the time of the apostles. We will then move to reviewing *Worship*.

Live Not By Lies | A Four-Part Class Beginning November 2

Sign-up in the Narthex (Count will determine where we meet)

A Four Part-Docuseries based on Rod Dreher's [book](#), which itself was based on Alexander Solzhenitsyn's [essay](#), all of the same title.

This will be either a four-week or eight-week class. [Watch the Trailer Here](#).

Fellowship Hour | Last Sunday in October

Stay Tuned for More Details Here

Fellowship & Evangelism

Missionary Support Raised In September

During the month of September we supported the three mission workers who visited this year -- The Omars, Dure Negassa & her Kenyan missionary partners, and the Thorstads.

Through September, we raised: \$10,036.50

Thank you so much for your generous giving!

Oktoberfeast

Thank you to everyone who came out to help and celebrate Oktoberfeast with us on Saturday! The event was a huge success. See pictures at the end of today's newsletter!

Stewardship

Please help move chairs out of the sanctuary and vacuum after the service this Sunday! We are having carpet cleaning done Monday & Tuesday.

Walking Help for Deb

Irv is requesting help for Deb, who needs help taking walks.

The helper would spend an hour or so with Deb, holding her hand and walking. The helper would need to be strong enough to break her fall so that she would not hit her head.

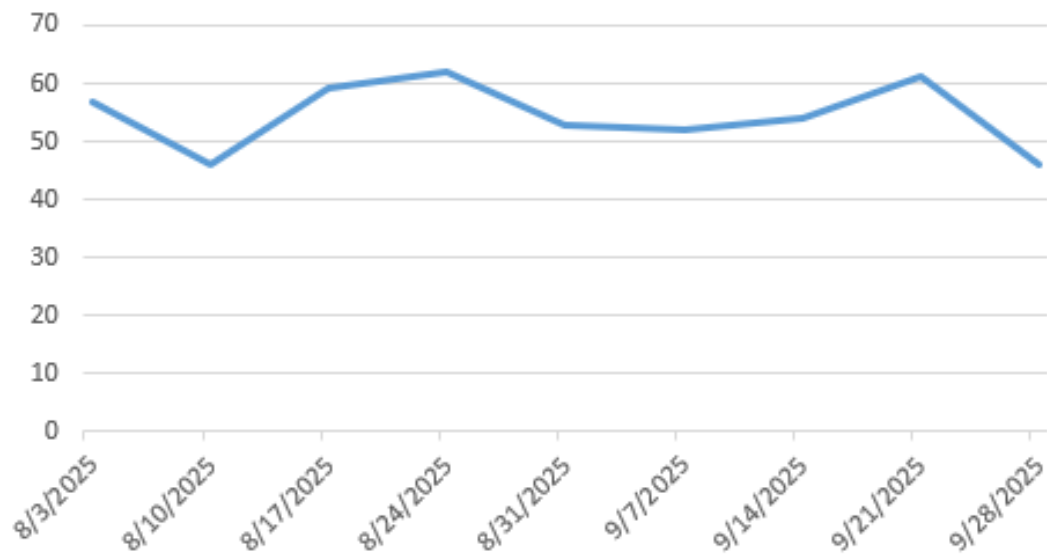
Help would be most beneficial in the time periods from 10 to 12 am and from 3 to 5 pm. Any help, no matter how small, may save an injury.

If you cannot help, please pray.

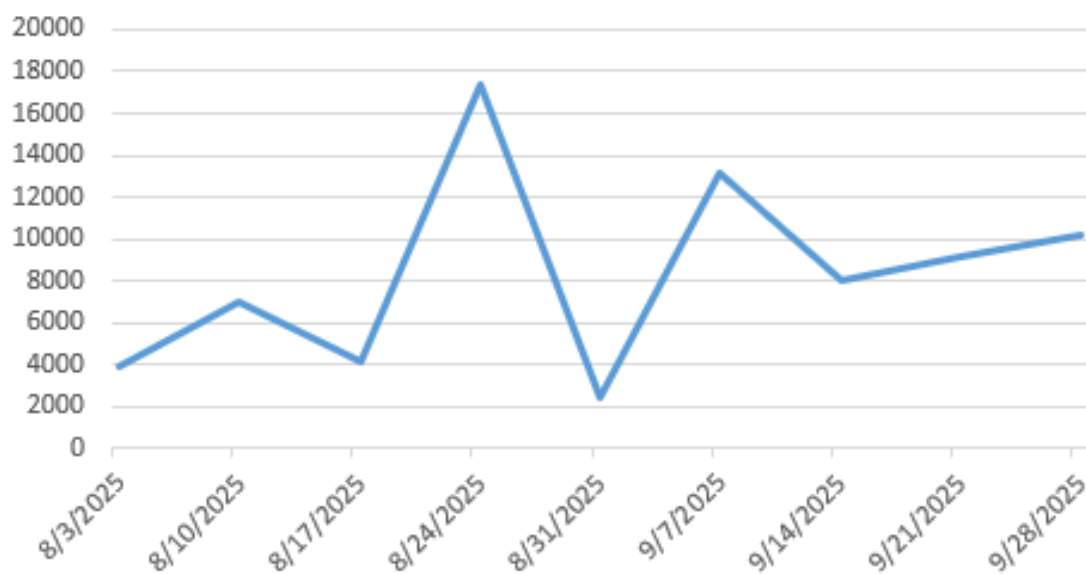
If you are able to assist, please let Irv know.

Attendance and Offering: August and September

August-September Attendance



August-September Offering



More This Week

Wednesday, October 1

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

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 53155

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

Thursday, October 2

7:00 - 9:00pm: Troop 208

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

Friday, October 3

6:00 - 8:00pm: Troop 50327

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 22123

Sunday, October 5

9:00 - 10:00am: Sunday School

10:15 - 11:15am: Worship Service

Monday, October 6

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

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

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Tuesday, October 7

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

10:00 - 11:00am: Staff Meeting

6:00 - 8:00pm: Champion Cheerleading

Wednesday, October 8

10:00 - 11:00am: Prayer Group (Library)

11:00am - 12:00pm: ELCW Field Trip

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6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 53155

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

[Click to View More](#)

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

10/4 Denny Potter

10/7 Darryl Brednich

10/9 Dan Hunter

10/10 Linda Casper

10/11 Chi Wee

10/14 Gary Kral

10/21 Homer Adams

10/22 Keenan Seidling

10/23 Ed Zinkan

10/27 Bill Lavallee

Anniversaries:

10/2 Darryl & Elsie Brednich (60 Years)

10/10 Dana & Diana Hillman (55 Years)

10/17 James & Lisa Pepka (33 Years)

10/21 Dave & Mary Whipkey (58 Years)

September Council Meeting Highlights

The council met on September 17th for their monthly meeting. Below are some highlights from their discussion:

- The congregational meeting for review of the 2026 budget will be held on Sunday October 12. At this time, three constitutional amendments to the North American Lutheran Church will be reviewed. Copies of both the budget and the amendments are available starting Sunday September 28.
- Appointed Holly Pelusi as Lay Delegate for the Mission District Convocation.
- Scott Gustafson has agreed to serve as the Boy Scouts Charter Organization Representative for Emmanuel.
- Voted to have the sanctuary, narthex, and downstairs carpet cleaned. Voted also to increase the regularity of our current cleaning service.
- Recommended benevolence was approved as follows:
 - \$1500 - Seminary Student - this will be a one-time gift of encouragement.
 - \$5000 - NALC denomination -this is 2%, which is an improvement, as we had not been contributing anything previously.
 - \$1250 NALC Mid Northeast Mission District – uses funds for camps and mission district events
 - \$3500 Total for Mission Support with breakdown:
 - \$1250 – Dure Negassa and Reverend Gemachu
 - \$1250 – Thorstads
 - \$1000 - Loaves and Fishes
- Westmoreland Food Bank: \$1344.25
- Blackburn Center: \$1344.25
- NALC Great Commission Fund: \$1344.25
- Concordia Good Samaritan Endowment Fund: \$1344.25
- This year's Christmas party will be a luncheon this year to eliminate the need to drive in the dark.

ELCW October Events

See below for information on the ELCW's upcoming lunch and service project (a week from today!). Prayer group for next Wednesday has been moved up to 10am to allow women to attend both events. Signup is posted in the Narthex: please sign up if you would like to attend! Please contact Jeanne Yargar or Danette Hunter with any questions!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women

Wednesday Morning and Afternoon

October 8, 2025

Field Trip

11:00 AM Lunch at Dee Jay's Lounge
(formerly The North Park Lounge)

Blue Spruce Shoppes, Murrysville

**1:00 PM Service Project at the
Rewind-Reuse Center
and Workshop**

5853 Washington Ave Export, PA 15632

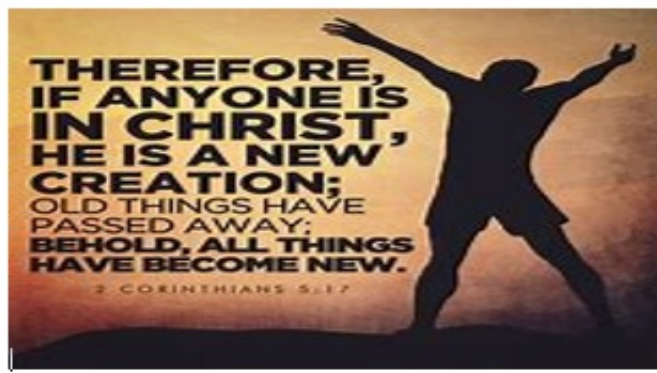
Please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board.

Program Rep.: Danette Hunter





Mission District Convocation



MID NORTHEAST MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th

At EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

5000 Old William Penn Highway, Export PA. 15632

8:15 REGISTRATION & STUFF THE TRUCK

9:00 Worship with Communion & Opening of the Convocation

The Event will go until 3:30 – Lunch will be included

Keynote Speaker will be Bishop Dan Selbo

Also please note we will be Electing a new Dean and will be setting up our new 6 Mission Districts in our Mission Region

We will be collecting "HEALTH KITS" items to "Stuff the truck"

Please go to the NALC website (thenalc.org) under the Disaster Response to download a list of the items for Health kits, **but all items are welcome**

We will Stuff the Truck at our Mission District Convocation in just a few weeks. The big focus is health care kits, but as always, we'll collect for buckets and bibles, too.

Cost will be \$10.00 per congregation (so bring anyone who is interested!)

Cleaning Buckets

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)
- 1 roll paper towels
- 2 rags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- scrub brush
- gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon plastic storage bag or tote bag)

- o 1 bath towel
- o 1 wash cloth (optional)
- o 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- o 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- o 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- o 1 pack of floss (optional)
- o 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- o 1 comb
- o 1 deodorant
- o 1 nail clippers (optional)

Bibles

(We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles)

- o new or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
- o child, teen or adult
- o Bible stories for children
- o Spanish, or any language
- o large print
- o prayer books

Last Sunday's Service

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

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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