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## Ministry Opportunities

We have been studying Acts in our Bible Study. Acts is a wonderful book, because it's intended by Luke (who wrote it) to be Part II to his gospel. Together, Luke and Acts form a two-part instruction manual for Christians; that's Luke's intent. We could view it as a discipleship guide or as a catechism, and both would be correct.

Acts is wonderful also as the primary source of the birth and unfolding of the Church. Jesus commissions his eleven apostles to wait and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. And before his Ascension, Jesus reveals that the Scriptures were about *him* – his suffering, his death, his resurrection, and for preaching repentance in his name. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes, and the Church is born. Peter steps into the leadership that Christ gave him, when Jesus restored him (Feed my flock!) after Peter's denial of him. Three thousand souls are convicted of crucifying Jesus, repent, and are baptized. Then,

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42, ESV)*

The very next scene is Peter and John going to the Temple for a service of prayer. (They really did devote themselves to prayer!) But at the Temple, they are interrupted by a lame man asking for alms. He gets more than he bargained for; Jesus heals the man through Peter. The result? The man leaps up and begins praising God. The prayer service is interrupted by God's healing of this man. The stage is set for Peter to give his second sermon.

At both Pentecost and this healing, Peter takes advantage of the opportunities that present themselves to him. The Holy Spirit descends, Peter recognizes this, and helps his hearers see what has happened. Then, Jesus heals the man *through Peter* and the interest is piqued of all the people who know the man. Peter then uses this situation to tell the good news. Imagine he hadn't! People have gathered around him to find out what has happened; he must say something.

As we reflected together in Bible Study, so I invite you into this same question. Likewise, opportunities — albeit very different — present themselves to us. What opportunities have been presented to you for you to share your faith in Christ, to pray for someone, or to help someone see how God is at work in their lives?

# Sunday's Service

The Third Sunday After Pentecost



Worship Service  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

*10:15 AM, Pavilion  
June 29, 2025*

 Join Us for Outdoor Worship *this Sunday!* 

We will need volunteers to help set up  
this Saturday at 12:00PM!

Then join us for pizza and *Christianity  
on Tap* at Helltown at 1pm.

We'll have waters and two tents set up  
to help us stay cool(er) on Sunday. Join  
us after the service for a meal!

And join us as we continue our outdoor  
services and potluck throughout the summer:

Dates:

June 29

10:15 AM

July 27

at the Pavilion

August 24\*

# ***Christianity on Tap, Film, & Topic***

**LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @  
1PM**

**June:** Christianity On Tap  
*Israel and the Church*  
@ Helltown Brewing

**July:** Christianity On Topic  
*1700 Years of The Nicene Creed:  
Still Hard at Work*  
in the Sanctuary

**August:** Christianity On Film  
*Movie TBD*  
@ The Baker Home

*Pause in September for Oktoberfest*

**October:** Christianity On Topic  
*The Church & AI: Dangers and Warnings for the  
Faithful Christian in the Age of AI*  
in the Sanctuary

# **NALC Lutheran Week**

*The NALC national convocation,  
entitled Lutheran Week, is  
August 3 -8, at the Omni William  
Penn Hotel.*

*Volunteers for ~4 hour shifts  
Monday-Friday  
(Especially Weds - Friday)  
are needed. Let's aim for ~5  
volunteers from Emmanuel.*

**Sign up to volunteer by July 2**

# **NALC Lutheran Week**

Snacks, drinks, & up to \$15 of parking reimbursement will be provided by the district/NALC. A meal is provided for volunteers Wednesday evening.

For further information, and to sign up, please contact Michele Hiener, who is this congregation's designated coordinator. Reach out to the office for her contact info.

## **Lutheran Week Volunteer Roles Needed**

**Host:** Individuals in this role will act as greeters and provide information to attendees. They will be stationed in certain places throughout the building to help attendees find the meeting rooms, restrooms, meal areas, and display area.

**Registration:** Individuals in this role will welcome and check in attendees. This includes distributing materials and nametags.

**Display Assistant:** Individuals in this role will assist the various ministries in setting up displays, getting materials to the display area, and finding their way around the hotel.

**Usher:** Individuals in this role will assist in all general sessions by checking credentials at doors, providing information or assistance, and accepting the offering as well as guiding attendees during communion during worship services.

**First Aid/Medical Response:** Individuals that may be in one of the other roles but are trained in First Aid/Medical Response and can also assist in case of an emergency.

# **Sign up to volunteer by July 2**

The shifts are different hours and times, the host shifts will have both some standing and sitting times, the registration shifts will be mostly sitting, the ushers will be mostly standing, but chairs will be provided during non peak times, the display assistants will be standing and walking, the 1st aid/medical will be doing a host or usher shift but will have a first aid back pack with them, for the shifts.

# **Toilet Paper Collection for Mother of Sorrows Pantry**

We're collecting toilet paper again to support the Mother of Sorrows Pantry, and we need your help!

- **Goal: 816 rolls**
- **Deadline: July 31st**
- **Bring donations to the narthex**



## Celebrating July 13



Bishop Dan Selbo is calling every congregation in the NALC to observe Vocation of Marriage Sunday on a Sunday in the Season after Pentecost, in commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's marriage to Katharina von Bora on June 13, 2025. It is a day set aside not only to honor a milestone in Reformation history, but to reaffirm marriage as a Christian vocation—a public good, a holy calling, and a place where Christ is known.

Congregations are encouraged to adapt and use the provided resources in a way that fits their local context. Whether you celebrate with a renewal of vows, a dedicated sermon, special intercessions, or simply a moment of prayer—let this Sunday be a day when the Church gives thanks for the households in its midst.

# Welcome Our New Council Members!

## **Council Installation: July 20**

Let us warmly welcome our new council members to Emmanuel Lutheran Church! We are grateful for their willingness to serve and lead our congregation. May God bless them with wisdom, strength, and guidance as they begin this important ministry.

Please keep them in your prayers as they take on this role in service to our church.

**President:** Scott Wilson

**Vice President:** Holly Pelusi

**Treasurer:** Dan Hunter

**Secretary:** Steve Cehovin

**Worship:** Debbie Weigold

**Discipleship:** Scott Gustafson

**Fellowship & Evangelism:**

Danette Hunter

**Stewardship:** Ross Nese

LITURGICAL DAY	The Third Sunday after Pentecost	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
DATE	6/29/2025 10:15AM	7/6/2025 10:15AM	7/13/2025 10:15AM
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
PASTOR	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Lou Hiener		
COUNTER TEAM	Cherie Wolovich & Jeanne Yargar	Bob Jordan & Scott Wilson	Ed Datemasch & Stan Casper
GREETERS	Carol McDowell	Scott & Carol Wilson	Dan & Cherie Wolovich
USHERS	Mack & Karen Flood & Serenity Wee	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b> & Serenity Wee	Debbie Weigold & Matt Yothers & Serenity Wee
ACOLYTE	Julie Schamber		
CRUCIFER			
ALTAR GUILD	Danette & Dan Hunter	MaryAnn Sinwell & Bob Jordan	MaryAnn Sinwell & Bob Jordan
ALTAR FLOWERS	Scott and Carol Wilson	Dan and Danette Hunter	Ed Zinkan
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Susan Smith	Susan Smith	Susan Smith

# **Prayer Service for Family**

**July 2, 11AM (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays)**

We have a time of prayer, and we follow that time of prayer with sharing about our families.

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## **Prayer Group**

Join us:

July 9, 11AM in the Library (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays)

July 23, 11AM on Zoom (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays)

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## **Prayers for our People**

Linda Casper, Vince Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna,  
Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen,  
Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester, Leila, Grace, Darin, Alice,  
Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Levi, Mervin, Shawn, Lynn,  
Ginny, Roger, Betty, Zac, Les, Kenny, Gary, Linda, Michael,  
Missy, Jim, Bonnie, Lois, Tony, Sarah, Denise, Harry, Millicent,  
Stephanie, and Ruthie

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## **Prayers of Bereavement**

Most holy God, we entrust to you our faithful departed including the family of of Rob Greenleaf & Rosemary Palmer.  
Comfort all and pour out faith unto life eternal.

# OFTEN

Sunday School (Pauses <b>in</b> July)	Sundays	9:00AM	Luther Hall
◦ Discipleship: Methods			
◦ The Apostles' Creed			
◦ Stories of Faith			
Worship	Sundays	10:15AM	Sanctuary
Acts Bible Study (Pauses <b>in</b> July)	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>1:00 &amp; 6:30PM</b>	Luther Hall & Music Room
Start the Week with Bill, an AA group	Mondays	6:30PM	Luther Hall
Staff Meeting	Tuesdays	9:30AM	Offices
Champion Cheerleading	Tuesdays	6:00PM	Heritage Hall
Prayer for Family	1st Wednesdays	11:00AM	The Sanctuary
Emmanuel Prayer Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays	11:00 AM	Library
	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	11:00AM	Zoom
Steps and Stories, an AA group	Wednesdays	7:00PM	Luther Hall
Boy Scout Troop 208	Thursdays	6:45PM	Luther Hall
Al-Anon Family Group	Thursdays	7:30PM	Heritage Hall

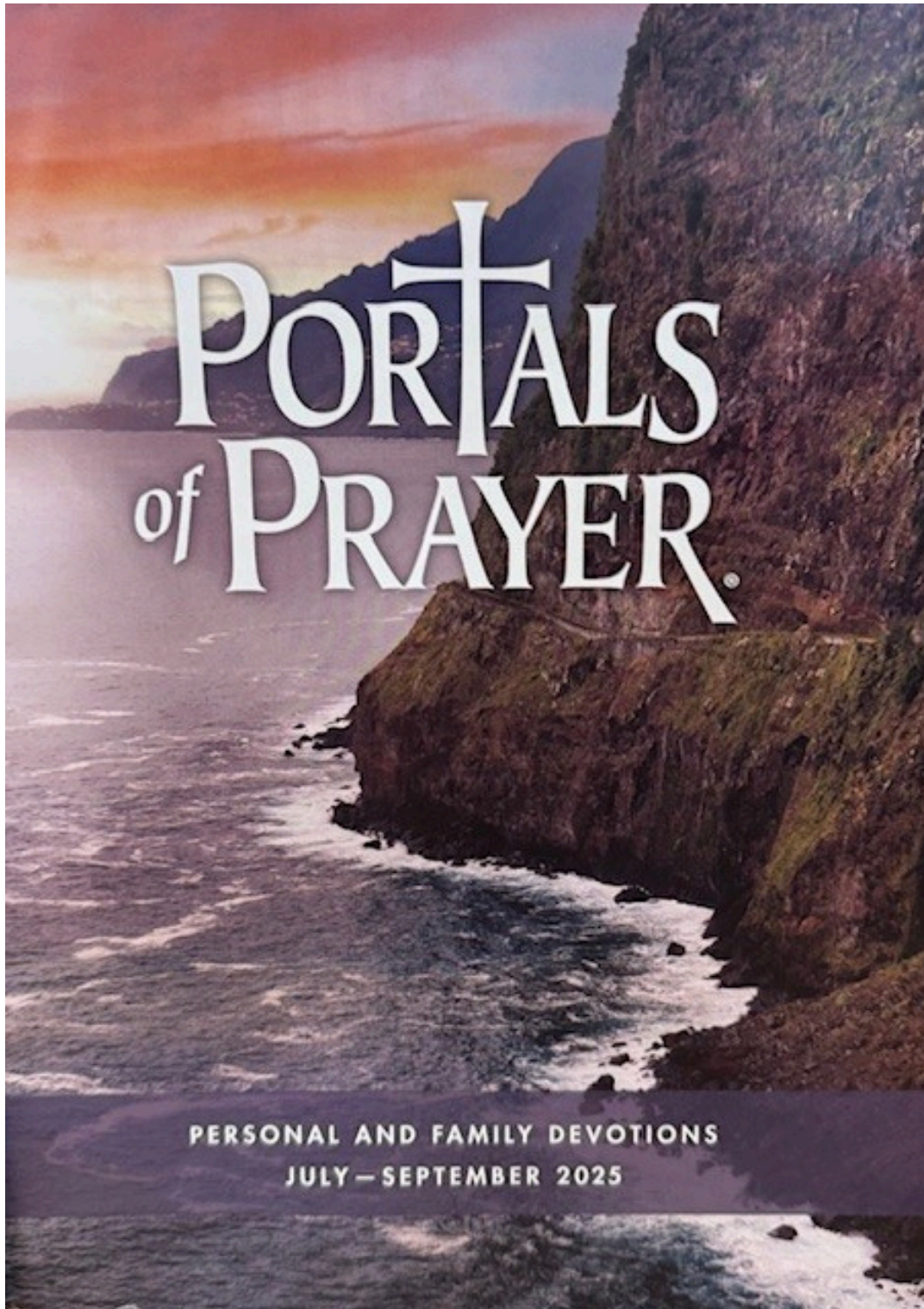
## UPCOMING

<b>Setup for Sunday's Service</b>	Sat, June 28	12:00 PM	Pavilion
<b>Christianity on Tap! + Pizza</b>	Sat, June 28	1:00 PM	Helltown Brewing
<b>Fellowship Hour: Service Setup</b>	Sun, June 29	9:00 AM	
Worship Service Outdoors	Sun, June 29	10:15 AM	Pavilion
<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	Sun, June 29	11:30 AM	Pavilion
<b>ELCW Meeting</b>	Tues, July 8	9:30 AM	Luther Hall
<b>Discipleship Meeting</b>	Wed, July 16	10:00 AM	Music Room
<b>Council Retreat</b>	Thurs, July 18	5:30 PM	The Bakers
	Fri, July 19	9:00 AM	The Wilsons
<b>Council Installation</b>	Sun, July 20		
<b>Christianity on Topic</b>	Sat, July 26	1:00 PM	Sanctuary
<b>Fellowship &amp; Evangelism Meeting</b>	Mon, July 21	11:00 AM	Music Room
<b>Christianity on Film</b>	Sat, August 30	1:00 PM	The Bakers
<b>Oktoberfest</b>	Sat, September 27	11:00 AM	Pavilion
<b>Christianity on Topic</b>	Sat, October 25	1:00 PM	Sanctuary

If you'd like something added to the calendar, please let the office know.



Don't forget—Portals of Prayer devotionals are still available in the narthex! Be sure to pick up your copy this Sunday before or after the service. It's a great way to stay rooted in God's Word throughout the week.



# Anniversaries and Birthdays

6/28 Mack Flood

6/28 Scott & Carol Wilson (50 yrs)

7/1 Stan & Linda Casper (47 years)

7/7 Daniel & Danette Hunter (46 years)

7/7 Irv & Debbie Pritts (54 years)

7/7 Chi & Colleen Wee (18 years)

7/8 Lou Hiener

7/10 James & Janet Troxell (54 years)

7/12 Sandy Seidling

7/11 Donna Ugen

7/16 Pastor Justin & Nella Baker (3 years)

# Miss Last Week Service?

Follow the QR codes to **watch** the service on youTube and **read** the sermon.

Scan QR code (or click) to watch the service!



Scan QR code (or click) to read the sermon!



The Second Sunday After Pentecost



**Worship Service**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

*10:15 AM, Sanctuary*  
*June 22, 2025*