

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

There is nothing sweeter than being identified with the name of Jesus.

That's the message that we have been hearing for two weeks in our Acts study. Why would it possibly be worth suffering for the sake of Jesus? Why would it be worth laying down our lives for him? Why would it be worth taking up our cross and following him?

Because of Jesus, and because of who he is. There's nothing sweeter than being with Jesus, either in this life or in the life to come.

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

Join us Saturday for the mission district convocation, where we will vote to become a *mission region composed of mission districts*, elect a *regional dean*, and elect *district deans*. We will also hear a presentation from Bishop Dan Selbo. Worship on Saturday is at 9AM.

Scroll down to see more about setup on Friday and serving on Saturday.

In Christ our Lord,
+ Pastor Justin Baker

Today, Wednesday, October 15th

10:00 AM, Music Room

Discipleship Committee Meeting

11:30 AM, Music Room

Council Meeting

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, Alyssa, Jerry, Ryker, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Aria, Ray, Jeff, 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, the family of Don, the family of Pastor Brian Shirey, the family of David, and the family of Ryan Dean*. 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

Mission District Convocation THIS SATURDAY!

We still need help to make this event happen. Please see more details below in the Stewardship section.

Secretary Out of Office | Oct 16th - 27th

Caroline will be out of the office beginning this Thursday, October 16th. She will return Tuesday, October 28th, at which point regular hours will resume. If you need anything from the office during that time, please contact Pastor Justin.

Christianity on Topic | The Dangers of Discipleship in the Age of AI

Sanctuary, 1PM, Saturday, October 25

With Q&A, Light Reception to Follow

How might the use of artificial intelligence threaten discipleship, faithfulness, and fruitfulness as Christians? What are some of the hidden costs and dangers to our faith? What is the way forward for us as Christians and as the Church?

Mary Lou Zalin's 90th Birthday, Oct 26 | Surprise Party

Stay tuned for more details next week. (And remember, it's a surprise!)

Congregational Budget Meeting

Thank you for attending the congregational budget meeting on Sunday! We passed our 2026 budget, as well as the three proposed constitutional amendments from the NALC.

ELCW Service Project

Check next week's newsletter to see photos from the ELCW service project!

Stewardship

We need your help at the Mission District Convocation.

Mission District Convocation

THIS SATURDAY, October 18 at Emmanuel,

8AM, Stuff the Truck

9AM, Opening Worship Service

Overall, 8AM-3PM

Mission District Convocation is THIS WEEK, and we still need lots of help to make it happen! We are most in need of help with Friday setup and mealtime help (servers, prep, grill). More details below!

How can I serve for the mission district convocation?

1. **Attend.** Just like local politics have big outcomes, so, too, do local, regional church events. We will begin with Stuff the Truck at 8am and then kick off convocation with a worship service at 9am.
2. **Bring** items, Bibles, & kits for Disaster Response. We will pack these Friday at 10AM and then load them in the truck Saturday at 8AM.
3. **Friday Setup at 10AM.** This will involve two things: (1) preparing kits for Stuff the Truck, and (2) moving furnishings/chairs in the Narthex, in Heritage Hall, and in Luther Hall in preparation for Saturday. We will also prep coffee and beverages. *We could use a few more people to help on Friday.*
 - We will need to set up 6 tables in Heritage Hall for displays, additional tables for snacks and beverages, and 2 tables (with a few chairs each) in the Narthex for registration.
 - We will also need to set up Luther Hall with 14 round tables (8 chairs each) and a buffet line (3-4 long tables)
 - A diagram of each space will be available to help with setup.
4. **Bring snacks** (savory and sweet) by 7:30AM on Saturday to Heritage Hall. These will be for anyone to enjoy, especially for breakfast fare and especially during session breaks. (We need to have these set up when people begin to arrive at 8AM, so please plan to have them here by 7:30!)
5. **Greet people** as they arrive: Saturday, 8-9AM. We will need a couple of people upstairs and downstairs helping to direct people where to go and help them find parking, bathrooms, etc. Registration will take place in the lobby and Stuff the Truck will be in the lower parking lot. Convocation will be in the sanctuary with refreshments in Heritage Hall and lunch in Luther Hall. Signs are posted around the church with more information!
6. **Worship** together. Join for worship at 9AM.
7. **Grill**, prep, and food readiness from 10AM-noon. After worship, help with prep work (onions, tomatoes, lettuce) and grilling. We will grill brats, burgers, and hot dogs. We will set up roasters to keep the meat warm.
 - We anticipate people will be coming to lunch around noon. We will therefore have the majority of the meats finished and delivered by 11:30.
 - We will need a food runner to assist the grillers with bringing the food into Luther Hall, setting up warmers, etc.
7. **Help** during mealtime, 11:30-1:30PM. Make sure the line runs smoothly, help

folks get meals who might have trouble, and keep an eye out for drink refills.

- Lunch will begin around noon. We will need to have the full buffet set up by then.
- Servers will be responsible for serving water and lemonade to people at their tables, keeping the buffet stocked, and getting food for anyone who has difficulty walking or standing in line.
- Lunch is set to conclude at 1:15, at which point cleanup will begin.

8. Clean up. 3PM onwards. We will need help with trash, cleanup, and rearranging after the convocation.

- Luther and Heritage Halls will need to be cleared of trash, food put away, and tables and chairs restored to their regular configuration.
 - The sanctuary and Narthex will also need to be checked for trash and lightly cleaned.
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Worship

From Sunday's Sermon

"The nine lepers had faith enough to be healed, but then they went on their way. How many have we known — perhaps even me — who had faith enough to receive baptism and the forgiveness of sins — and then, just stopped? And our faith withered, wilted, fell, and failed as the leaves of the trees in autumn. Only by the grace of God have we returned. And so, Sunday after Sunday, we return, to offer our thanks and praise to God for what he has done for us. For is there anyone more worthy of our time, of our thanks, and of our praise than God, revealed in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ? Is there anyone more worthy of our love than Jesus?"

Upcoming

Bishop Dan Selbo will be preaching October 19.

Discipleship

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

What We Heard

No matter what forces, whether in the realm of the body or the spirit, are at work against the apostles and the Word, the Word nevertheless increases. Now to the complaint. This “murmuring” calls to mind the murmurs of the Israelites in the wilderness, which resulted in manna from heaven for daily bread and quail for meat (Exodus 16). But this murmuring also brought about the death of those who were unsatisfied with just the manna, and who demanded meat, resulting in a great plague that put them to death (see Numbers 11). The Israelites’ murmuring ultimately resulted in that generation’s not being allowed to enter the Land of Promise (Deuteronomy 1:26-27, 34; Numbers 14:26-30).

And so, they were made to wander until that generation—the same one that was liberated from Egypt!—died off. All this to say that murmuring is a dangerous and deadly thing for a congregation.

What We Reflected On

What can stop the spread of the gospel? *Nothing. But we can be made to wither and wilt if we refrain from sharing the good news of the resurrection.*

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

Sunday School, 9AM About the Classes

About the Philemon Class

The *Philemon* class has now finished, so we'll spend this week exploring the incredibly rich Scriptures from our lectionary. (Hint: one of them is Jacob wrestling with God.)

About the Worship Class | Begun October 12.

We saw that the example of the leper who returned to give thanks to Jesus and praise to God is an example for us to follow. God is worthy of our 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. The goal of this class will be to learn to think Christian-ly about our world.

This will be a four-week class meeting every Sunday in November. [Watch the Trailer Here.](#)

Fellowship Hour | Last Sunday in October

Stay Tuned for More Details Here

Fellowship & Evangelism

Giving

The special giving to our mission workers was very generous. Thank you!

More This Week

Thursday, October 16

All day: Secretary Out of Office

7:00 - 9:00pm: Troop 208

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

Friday, October 17

10:00am: Help us set up for Mission District Convocation!

6:00 - 8:00pm: Troop 50327
6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 22123

Saturday, October 18

8:00am - 3:00pm: Mission District Convocation

Sunday, October 19

9:00 - 10:00am: Sunday School

10:15 - 11:15am: Worship Service

Monday, October 20

All day: Secretary Out of Office

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

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

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Tuesday, October 21

All day: Secretary Out of Office

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

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

6:00 - 8:00pm: Champion Cheerleading

7:00 - 9:00pm: Troop 208 Leaders

Wednesday, October 22

All day: Secretary Out of Office

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

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Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

10/14 Gary Kral

10/21 Homer Adams

10/22 Keenan Seidling

10/23 Ed Zinkan

10/27 Bill Lavallee

Anniversaries:

10/17 James & Lisa Pepka (33 Years)

10/21 Dave & Mary Whipkey (58 Years)

10/26 Ed & Susan Zinkan (51 years)

Stuff The Truck

We will Stuff the Truck at our Mission District Convocation on Saturday. The big focus is "health care kits," but as always, we'll collect for buckets and bibles, too.

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)

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

Christianity on Topic

Is AI Dangerous
for Discipleship and the Church?

October 25th, 1-2pm

Q&A and brief reception to follow!

Sanctuary at Emmanuel
Lutheran Church
5000 Old Wm Penn Hwy
Export, PA 15632

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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