

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the Mission District Convocation this past Saturday (and helped Friday)! Because of your service, the convocation went smoothly and was even able to run ahead-of-schedule. I heard nothing but good things from pastors and congregations alike. Again -- thank you!

Bishop Dan Selbo was present for the convocation, giving a state-of-the-union address of sorts. I do recommend watching his address to get a sense of the direction he is taking the North American Lutheran Church. He was also present for worship, with his wife Mary, and preached. You can watch his address from the convocation [here](#) and watch his sermon [here](#).

On Sunday, we had two knockout passages on faith. In Genesis 32, we heard the incredible story of Jacob wrestling with a man -- a man who gives him a new name, "Israel," and whom he says was God himself. And in Luke 18, we heard the passage of the widow persistently seeking justice from the unjust judge, which she received. Dan summarized this message as essentially: "don't give up." In both passages (Jacob wrestles with God *all night until daybreak*) there is a deliberate refusal to give up, no matter the odds.

All night, Jacob wrestles. But at daybreak, he emerges with a new name. Repeatedly, the widow seeks justice from the unjust judge. At last, she receives justice -- even from *that* judge!

In prayer, we don't set the timeline for when God answers or the guidelines for how God answers. (Bishop Dan reminded us that our first priority is to let our wills be drawn towards what God wants!) There's a reason that Jacob is named *Israel*, which means *wrestles with God*. Neither Jacob's story nor the widow's parable would matter much to us if Jacob had wrestled with simply a man, or if the parable was merely about justice. These matter to us because they are about God, and God alone has the power to accomplish his will.

How sweet it is when the prayers we want to pray are the same prayers he delights in answering! But how sweet it also is to -- through persistence, through faith, through wrestling -- come to know our Lord and his will.

I invite you to two opportunities to stretch your faith and your Christian life: (1) this Saturday's seminar on *The Dangers of Discipleship in the Age of AI*, and (2) the November Sunday School series *Live Not By Lies*.

Finally, recall that this Sunday is Reformation Sunday, and as it is a Fellowship Sunday School Hour, I'll be teaching three life-changing results from the Reformation. No need to bring your hammer and a list of grievances.

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

In Christ our Lord,
+ Pastor Justin Baker

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

Pastor Justin at the Seminary | Today, October 22nd

I am attending worship service at the seminary. It is Luther Week at the seminary.

Each semester, the seminary (our Lutheran seminary is more of a small extension at an Anglican seminary campus) gives a week to the Lutheran students and faculty to lead morning and evening prayer, and to lead the Wednesday Eucharist Service. I'll be there to connect with the students and faculty.

About the Convocation

The convocation ratified our mission district's change to become a mission

region. The mission region is further subdivided into six districts. Simply put, the mission district was far too large (in terms of congregations, pastors, and geography) for one dean. As such, we now have two deans who represent us: the Reverend Jim Neal, serving as Mission Region Dean, and the Reverend Chip Frontz, serving as our more localized Mission District Dean.

Holly Pelusi, our lay delegate, took excellent notes, and so there will be plenty more details to come.

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.

Mary Lou's 90th Birthday

Oct. 26th, following the service | Open house until 4pm, so come as you are able

Cloverleaf Clubhouse, Delmont

Recommend that you RSVP to Barb (or Donna Berardinelli) by Friday



You've been such a special part of her life,
Please come be a special part of her big day!

Whether you can only stop for a hug
(or "some sugar", as she calls it),
grab a bite to eat and a piece of birthday cake, or
enjoy some dancing (her favorite past time!)
and maybe a game or two,
I hope you can make it!

Come when you can. Stay as long as you're able.

Doors will open at noon and we'll be there until four
....unless we're having too much fun to call it a night!

I hope to see you there.
I know it will mean the world to my mom.

-Barb



Stewardship

Seminarian Scholarship Approved

The Council ratified a seminarian scholarship, as we seek as a congregation to build ties to seminarians in candidacy at our Ambridge seminary.

Congregational Budget Meeting

Thank you for attending the congregational budget meeting from two weeks ago. A reminder that we passed our 2026 budget, as well as the three proposed constitutional amendments from the NALC.

Worship

From Sunday's sermon

Bishop Dan Selbo preached this past Sunday and gave an excellent primer on the Lord's Prayer using the parable from Luke 18.

Upcoming

Third Friday in November, 11AM. Worship at Brookdale. Stay tuned for more details.

Discipleship

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

What We Heard

"Stephen's upcoming sermon—the longest in the book of Acts—will address this accusation of "words against Moses." And his sermon will echo our Lord's words: this people has rejected both Moses and the Christ. The last verse contrasts the false witnesses and the true witness. Whereas the false witnesses are stirring up and inciting murder, the true witness, Stephen, is revealing God's glory, for his face "was like the face of an angel."

What We Reflected On

The central message the apostles—and now also by Stephen—put forward is that the Christ is Jesus. How well could you put together a message or teaching on this? What might you find difficult about this?

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

Sunday School, 9AM

Fellowship Hour on Reformation Sunday (10/26)

The Reformation: Three Life-Giving Changes

Live Not By Lies | A Four-Part Class Beginning November 2, Music Room *Sign-up in the Narthex*

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

Fellowship Hour | Last Sunday in October

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

Fellowship & Evangelism

Giving

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

More This Week

Saturday, October 25

1 - 2PM, Sanctuary

Christianity on Topic: Is AI Dangerous for Discipleship and the Church? *Light Reception to Follow*

Sunday, October 26

9AM: Fellowship Hour: Three Life-Giving Changes from the Reformation

10:15AM: Reformation Sunday Worship

[Click to View More](#)

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays:

10/22 Keenan Seidling

10/23 Ed Zinkan

10/27 Bill Lavallee

October Anniversaries:

10/26 Ed & Susan Zinkan (51 years)

November 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

November Anniversaries:

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







CAREGIVERS CAFE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

RUMMEL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

3432 GRAHAM AVE. WINDBER, PA

1:00 PM | LIGHT LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS

National Family Caregivers Month

Caregivers give tirelessly - often putting others first while their own needs go unseen. This November 8th, we invite you to join us in an afternoon of recognition, gratitude and connection as we raise awareness to the unique challenges caregivers in our churches and community, face daily. Together, we can foster a stronger network of support to ensure our caregivers know they're not alone, and not forgotten.



- Extend a personal invitation and accompany them
- Offer to care for their loved one so they can attend
- Cover their \$10 registration fee

Everyday, Caregivers give their time, energy & love to care for others - often at the expense of their own health & well-being. By sponsoring a caregiver, you're giving them a moment of rest, recognition and an opportunity to connect and share with others.



Please register using the QR Code **OR** by
contacting **Linda Goodwin** at **717-514-7825**
by **November 1st**
\$10/per person
Payable to Rummel COB

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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