

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

I spent last Wednesday at the seminary to begin to strengthen the relationship of this congregation with professors and students at the seminary. (As a reminder, we now have a scholarship for residential seminarians in candidacy, and we plan to be a site for a vicar within three years.) Although we are an hour away from the North American Lutheran Seminary in Ambridge, we are too close to not have a good partnership. Let us therefore pray that such a relationship blossoms.

Each semester, the seminary gives one week for Lutheran students to conduct worship, and Wednesday morning is always the eucharist (Holy Communion) service. Our recently elected mission district dean, the Rev. Chip Frontz, presided and our seminary president, the Rev. Jukka Kääriäinen, preached. Students served as acolytes, crucifer, ushers, and the choir. We will have our next big opportunity in the Spring semester.

I left very encouraged. When I last attended (now nearly five years ago), there was just not yet a strong focus on developing seminarians in the church. It's changed much, and for the better. The seminary president, both professors, and the students gathered together (with the rest of us there, regents and pastors) for a meal and for a devotion.

The NALC purchased a large home to use as student housing, but also to foster *community life* and *devotional life*. One of the rooms is a chapel, and could perhaps hold 20 persons for a service. This house, aptly called *The Bonhoeffer House*, echoes Bonhoeffer's writings of *Life Together*, which he wrote about the community life for the underground seminary he directed.

Indeed, this hearkens back to earlier in my life, where my pastor in Houston, the Rev. Evan McClanahan, converted the church parsonage into this same idea (about a decade ago now), hoping for the same effect. It was, of course, also named *The Bonhoeffer House*. Before moving to seminary in Ambridge, that's where I lived and had community. You can hear a little bit about that time in my life and in his ministry [here \(part 1\)](#) and [here \(part 2\)](#) on the official NALS/NALC podcast, *Cardigan & Collar*, which is centered on Bonhoeffer this season.

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

In Christ our Lord,
+ Pastor Justin Baker

Today, Wednesday, October 29th

No upcoming events.

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, John, Grace, Alyssa, Jerry, Ryker, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Aria, Ray, Jeff, Cathy, Leila, Grace, Darin, Alice, Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Mervin, Shawn, Lynn, Ginny, Roger, 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, the family of Ryan Dean, and the family of Betty.* 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

Blackburn Donations

In November, we are collecting items to donate to the Blackburn Center, an organization that helps those impacted by violence and crime. Look for a list of items to donate in the Stewardship section. The last day to donate is November 23rd.

Worship

From Sunday's Sermon

What hope would we have if life were fair? What hope would we have if we *actually* got what we deserved? What hope would we have if karma was real, and each of us got what was coming to us?

Thanks be to God that life is unfair, that we will not receive what we deserve, that karma is false:

7 *"Though our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;*

Our hope has nothing to do with the justice of this world, but with the character of the Lord — “act, O Lord, for your name’s sake.” We put our hope in the Lord not to do what is deserved or earned, but because of who the Lord is — gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. None of us will get what we deserve. We will either get what we do not deserve — life in heaven with Jesus, by grace. Or will we get the life we want — life in hell, *apart* from Jesus, because we have refused to put our hope in him, because we have kept our hope in *ourselves*.

Upcoming

Worship at Brookdale
11 - 11:30AM, November 21
Third Friday of the Month

Discipleship

Christianity on Topic Dangers to Discipleship in the Age of AI

From the talk:

"We are at a crossroads here. There is the possibility still that something else is at work, something sinister, something evil. And why wouldn't we expect that?

Wouldn't it be advantageous for us to trust the sum of intelligences programmed into something greater than our own? Wouldn't it be advantageous for us to seek morality from something else, something that we might convince ourselves is neutral and therefore trustworthy? Wouldn't it be advantageous for us to rely on something that is not a person?

After all, isn't it always good for us to save time, do things more efficiently, and not get too bogged down on this or that?

We have seen in the Gospel that the legion of demons were sent into pigs; are we so sure they are not at work in our phones and in these AI interfaces? Or, more strongly — are we so sure that the demonic has no foothold in these LLMs?

In a world where we become more and more reliant on these, in a world where supposed neutrality is passed through as what is good and right, in a world where we stop knowing if we have all the facts of the matter — wouldn't this be the kind of world and the kind of interface that the demons would want to control?"

If you missed the Christianity on Topic discussion on the Dangers to Discipleship in the Age of AI, read it [here](#) and watch it [here](#).

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

What We Heard

Stephen addresses the men gathered as “brothers and fathers” — referencing their shared ancestry in Abraham. And so, he begins with why Abraham matters at all — not because of anything about who

Abraham was, but rather because God appeared to him and made promises to him. All those gathered here in the council are descendants of Abraham and therefore inheritors of God's promises. The fact that we have already heard of so many peoples hearing the gospel in Acts is evidence that God is richly fulfilling his promise that Abraham would become the father of many children and many nations. (And yet, even more fulfillment of this will come.)

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

Sunday School, 9AM Live Not By Lies | Music Room

Live Not By Lies | A Four-Part Class *beginning this Sunday*

This will be a four-week class meeting the first four Sundays in November.

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.

We'll watch part of the docuseries and have discussions.

Fellowship Hour | Last Sunday in November

Advent Themed

Fellowship & Evangelism

Giving

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

Looking Ahead to Emmanuel's Christmas Party

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

Items to Donate for the Blackburn Center

Kitchen

Handheld can openers

Dinnerware sets (plates, bowls)

Silverware sets

Drinking cups/glasses

Food items: any canned food, other non-perishables, etc.*

Glass baking dishes

Kitchen utensils (spatulas, etc.)

Lidded 13-gallon trash cans

Pots & saucepans Skillets

Small appliances: microwaves, crock pots, air fryers etc.

Zip-lock bags: 2.5-gallon sizes only

*Food items we especially need include single-serving items - juice boxes, shelf-stable milks, snack-sized items, canned soups, juice, pouches of cooked meat/ fish, all condiments.

Bathroom

Bathroom rugs

Anti-slip bathtub mats

Shower curtains and rings

Bath Towels & Wash Cloths

Toilet paper

Hairdryers

Small unlidded trash can

(Not needed at this time: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, travel-sized toiletries & adult toothpaste)

Bedroom

Pillows

Sheet sets twin

Alarm clocks

Pajamas: women's summer and winter weight (all sizes, especially XS, S, and M)

Pajamas: children summer and winter weight all sizes 10+

Sports bras – all sizes especially XS, S, and M

Baby and Child Items

Baby monitors

Car seats

Collapsible umbrella strollers

Miscellaneous

Air mattress w/ pump - full/twin

Mops & buckets

Brooms & Dust Pans

Small stick or handheld vacuums

Collapsible/Pop-Up Hampers

Duffel Bags

Extension Cords /surge protectors

Gasoline cards (Sunoco)

Gift cards (Target, Walmart, Shop 'N Save, Giant Eagle, & Target)

Square Sterilite Laundry Baskets

Tool kits

Trac-Phones (new) & Trac-Phone Cards

More This Week

Wednesday, October 29th

Troop 53155: 6:00 - 7:30pm

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

Thursday, October 30th

Troop 208: 7:00 - 9:00pm

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

Sunday, November 2nd

Sunday School: 9:00-10:00am

Worship on All Saints Sunday: 10:15am

Monday, November 3rd

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, November 4th

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

Staff Meeting: 10:00 - 11:00am

Champion Cheerleading: 6:00 - 8:00pm

Wednesday, November 5th

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

Troop 53155: 6:00 - 7:30pm

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

[Click to View More](#)

Upcoming 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 Datemasch

11/26 Dave Whipkey

11/30 Kaleb Wee

Anniversaries:



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

Pictures

Coming soon!

Our website will soon have many more pictures. And stay tuned for next week's Herald.



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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