

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

We heard, this past Sunday, some of the most difficult words Jesus utters in the New Testament:

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26-27, ESV).

Matthew gives us the other side of the same coin, one that is much easier to digest:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:37–38, ESV)

Looking at these together, what is Jesus telling us, his disciples? We see that in Matthew, Jesus says *don't put family and oneself above him*. In Luke, Jesus says, *do put family and oneself below him*. Whatever is above Jesus, must be brought into its proper place--below him. And wherever Jesus is placed, he must be brought *above* all other things--no matter how good, like family, those things are.

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

In Christ our Lord,
+ Pastor Justin Baker

Today, Wednesday, September 10

11AM, Library

Prayer Group

Since it is the second Wednesday, prayer group will meet in person at the church.

More This Week

10 Sep

Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 10 · 11:00am – 12:00pm (EDT)

Troop 53155

Wednesday, September 10 · 6:00 – 7:30pm (EDT)

Steps and Stories

Wednesday, September 10 · 7:00 – 8:00pm (EDT)

11 Sep

Troop 208

Thursday, September 11 · 7:00 – 9:00pm (EDT)

Al-Anon

Thursday, September 11 · 7:30 – 9:00pm (EDT)

12 Sep

Troop 16380

Friday, September 12 · 5:30 – 9:00pm (EDT)

14 Sep

LH - Sunday School

Sunday, September 14 · 9:00 – 10:00am (EDT)

Worship Service

Sunday, September 14 · 10:15 – 11:15am (EDT)

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Missionary Support During September | Raising \$4500

During the month of September -- finishing on Oktoberfest -- we'll support the three mission workers who visited this year -- The Omars, Dure Negassa & her Kenyan missionary partners, and the Thorstads.

We are raising \$4500 for the mission workers who have visited us this year. We have three distinct goals -- \$1000 the Omars, \$1500 for Dure Negassa & the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu, and \$2000 for the Thorstads. Anything given over and above the \$4500 will go to the Thorstads.

Please use one of the "Missionary Support" envelopes, or mark your check or memo with "Missionary Support."

Newsworthy

Give to Seminary Student Caitlin Nobile.

You may designate checks "Caitlin Nobile" through the first two Sundays of September, after which we will mail donations made to her at the seminary.

Click [here for the NALC's mission & values](#), and to see the updated website.

From our Bible Study in Acts | Acts 4:32-37

After the Ascension and the anointing of Matthias to replace Judas in his abandoned ministry of apostleship, we have encountered only two events: (1) Pentecost and (2) the healing of the crippled man. In each of these events, we saw Peter rise to leadership, interpret what took place, give a sermon that called the crowd to repentance & testified to the resurrection and lordship of Jesus, resulting in thousands coming to faith, a strengthening of believers in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and the whole fellowship of disciples carrying out the commands and teachings of Jesus.

As we saw in this second event, the healing of the crippled man, the Holy Spirit gave two audiences for Peter to deliver two sermons — (1) first, to those who were gathered at the Temple for evening prayer, and (2) second, to the chief priests—the very ones who plotted against, arrested, and turned Jesus over for crucifixion!—and their minions after Peter and John's arrest. Note the lavish grace of God. The very ones who plotted against Jesus, and the very crowd who yelled, "Crucify him!", are given the very opportunity to repent. None of these men will enter the Day of Judgment with the ability to say, "But, Lord, I didn't know!" — for each was duly and appropriately warned, and this is to the great credit and glory of God.

We heard about the incredible response of the full number of disciples after Peter and John's healing of the man who was crippled since birth. What did *all* the disciples do? They held everything in common, sold house or land as needed, and ensured that there was no needy person among them. All the while, the apostles were duly carrying out their commission, testifying to the resurrection of Jesus.

Clearly, the disciples were taking the words of Jesus to heart, the very teachings that the apostles were reminded them of. To that end, we reflected on these questions:

1. What teachings of Jesus are clearly being carried out by the apostles and the rest of the disciples? What parables, stories, or words of Jesus must the disciples have been preaching?
2. What do you make of this example of the earliest disciples and their fidelity to the teachings of Jesus through the apostles? How does it inform, shape, or change *you*?

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

Sunday School, 9AM

Study on Philemon & Study on the Apostles' Creed

About the Philemon Class

Join MaryAnn and company to read through *Philemon* (which was one of the lessons we heard this past Sunday in worship), a one-chapter letter from Paul to Philemon. The first lesson is *this Sunday*, where the class will get a basic grasp of what the letter is about; who Philemon and Onesimus are; and what the relationships between Paul, Philemon, and Onesimus are. *Hint: It's about a runaway slave who converted to Christianity.*

About the Apostles' Creed Class

Join the confirmation crew to continue learning about the Apostles' Creed, a rock-solid foundation of our faith *that in some form* likely was developing during the time of the apostles. This past Sunday, we noted that by confessing we believe in "God, the Father almighty, creator of the heaven and earth," we are *also* confessing the Biblical account of Creation of Genesis 1-2. In other

words, we are confessing that God made the heavens, made male and female, and made marriage for the man and woman and for children.

A Possible Sunday School Class for October-November

Live Not By Lies

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.](#)

More Upcoming

Worship Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th, Music Room, 7PM

Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 10th, Library, 11AM

Fellowship and Evangelism Meeting

Monday, September 15th, Luther Hall, 11AM

Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, September 16th, Music Room, 1PM

Discipleship Meeting

Wednesday, September 17th, Music Room, 10AM

Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 17th, Music Room, 11:30AM

Mission District Meeting

Saturday, September 20th, Heritage Hall, 10AM

Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 24th, Zoom, 11AM

OKTOBERFEAST

Saturday, September 27th, Outside, 11AM-2PM

Mission District Convocation

Saturday, October 18th, ~8AM-3PM

More About Our Major Upcoming Events!

Oktoberfeast, September 27, 11AM-2PM

Please sign up to volunteer. We'll need help with grilling, with drinks, with setup and cleanup, and, of course, for potluck of German-style food. Signup is posted in the Narthex.

Mission District Convocation, October 18, ~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!

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 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:

Steve Cehovin, James Troxell, David Weihe, Linda Casper, Vince Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Adam, Aria, Ray, Don, Jeff, David, Cathy, Leila, Grace, Darin, Alice, Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Levi, 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. 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays:

9/16 Cherie Wolovich
9/17 Kathy Gustafson
9/22 Sandie Lee
9/22 Joshua Pelusi
9/25 Finley Baker

September Anniversaries:

9/10 William & Dana Sadler (3 years)
9/23 Vince & Donna Berardinelli (58 years)
9/23 Jeff & Holly Pelusi (25 years)
9/25 Bob Jordan & MaryAnn Sinwell (20 years)

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OKTOBERFEAST



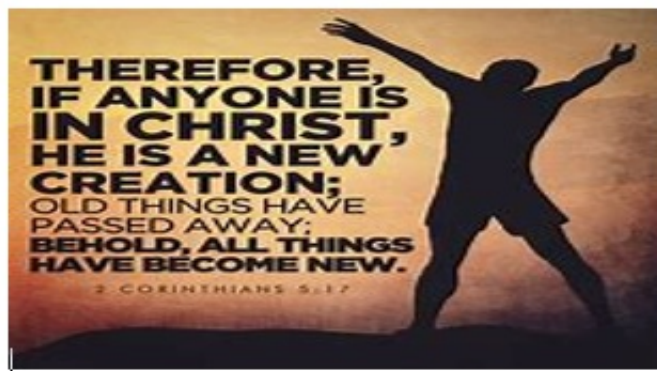
SEPTEMBER 27, 11AM - 2PM

LIVE MUSIC - BRATS - GAMES

POTLUCK - BEER & ROOT BEER







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

East Sunday's Service

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

9:00 Worship with Communion & Opening of the Convocation

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

Have more pictures from any of our events? Shop Dan Selbo

Send them our way -- don't want to leave you out!

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

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!

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
Please register individually or by congregation with how many people plan to attend.

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

Send your registration sign up sheet & payment to:

Mission District Registration

C/O Connie Slope – 291 ~~MacDonaidon~~ Road – Berlin, PA 15530

— It is always a great day of sharing our blessings with each other, seeing old friends, making new friends and    in your Mission District. —

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