

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

This past Sunday, we heard the parable of the unjust steward (Luke 16:1-15). The unjust steward wastes his master's finances, who gets wind of this waste and relieves the steward of his duties. As the steward prepares the accounts to hand over to his master, he has each of his debtors mark down their debts. When his master sees what he has done (to our surprise!), he commends the steward for his shrewdness.

It is curious and strange that the master would commend this steward for further wasting his riches, yet he does. What are we to make of this?

A parallel: What would you do if your friend won the lottery (think Powerball) and then gave you every penny of the winnings? How would you use the money?

Note that the very fact that we have been born is *far more unlikely* than winning the lottery. The odds of winning the Powerball are 1 in 292.2 million.

The odds of being conceived are 1 in 400 trillion. But the true odds are less than 1 out of all the atoms in the universe, because for any one of us to have been born, so did each of our parents, and their parents, and so on.

And yet, though the probability of each of us being born is essentially zero, it was certain because God desired that each of us come to be.

What then will we do with this life God has given us? How will we use the riches God has given us? And -- what will we do with the eternal riches that have been entrusted to us? What will we do with the riches of faith & forgiveness & the news of eternal life?

Just as the unjust steward made friends using his master's wealth, let us use these eternal riches to make *eternal friends* for Jesus.

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

I look forward to seeing many of you at Oktoberfest this Saturday, and I thank you for the generosity with which you have showed our mission workers during our special collection for them this month.

In Christ our Lord,
+ Pastor Justin Baker

Today, Wednesday, September 24

11:00 AM, Zoom
Prayer Group

1:00 PM
Quilting with the ELCW

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OKTOBERFEAST



SEPTEMBER 27, 11AM - 2PM

LIVE MUSIC - BRATS - GAMES
POTLUCK - BEER & ROOT BEER

OKTOBERFEAST

This Saturday, September 27
Pavilion, 11AM-2PM

Oktoberfeast, September 27, 11AM-2PM

Join us for fellowship, beer & root beer, ice cream, brats and hot dogs, and a potluck of German-style food.

Setup starts at 9AM Saturday. Opening prayer at 11AM. And then the food & fun begins. If we have rain, we'll move indoors to Luther Hall.

If you didn't sign up, you're still more than welcome to come!

More This Week

Thursday, September 25

7:00 - 9:00pm: Troop 208

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

Friday, September 26

5:30 - 9:00pm: Troop 16380

6:00 - 8:00pm: Troop 19013

Saturday, September 27

11:00am - 2:00pm: Oktoberfeast

Sunday, September 28

9:00 - 10:00am: Sunday School

10:15 - 11:15am: Worship Service

Monday, September 29

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

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

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

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

6:00 - 8:00pm: Champion Cheerleading

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Newsworthy

Walking Help for Deb

Irv is requesting help for Deb, who needs help taking walks.

The helper would spend an hour or so with Deb, holding her hand and walking. The helper would need to be strong enough to break her fall so that she would not hit her head.

Help would be most beneficial in the time periods from 10 to 12 am and from 3 to 5 pm. Any help, no matter how small, may save an injury.

If you cannot help, please pray.

If you are able to assist, please let Irv know.

Congregational Budget Meeting

October 12th, Immediately Following the Service

We will meet after service on October 12th to vote on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026. We will also vote on the proposed amendments to the NALC's constitution, below.

[Click here to view the proposed budget.](#) The budget has a modest 4% increase year-over-year and includes 10% dedicated to benevolence.

The NALC has voted on three constitutional amendments to the NALC's constitution that must be ratified by at least 50% of her congregations within six months of Lutheran Week. As a result, we'll be voting on these amendments at our October Congregational Budget Meeting. Click [this link](#) to read a summary of each of the three amendments.

Or, read each document in full below:

[Click here to read Amendment 1.](#)

[Click here for Amendment 2.](#)

[And here for Amendment 3!](#)

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!

Missionary Support During September | We Have Raised Over \$4500!

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

Support Raised So Far:

Week 1: \$1150

Week 2: \$2,976.50

Week 3: \$2050

\$6,176.5

Thank you so much for your generous giving!

Oktoberfest is the last official day of our drive to give to mission workers. Please use one of the "Missionary Support" envelopes, or mark your check or memo with "Missionary Support."

Sunday School, 9AM Study on Philemon & Study on the Apostles' Creed

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Join MaryAnn and company to read through *Philemon*, a one-chapter letter

from Paul to Philemon. This Sunday will be the second week of the study.

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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.

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From our Bible Study in Acts | Acts 5:1-11

We may have expected a decline in both the spread of the gospel and in those who believed. But this would be to mistake the effect the “great fear” on the disciples and on the people, as a result of God’s putting to death of Ananias and Sapphira, had. We don’t want to water down “fearing God,” even though (it is true!) we, through the blood of Jesus, have access to the heavenly and holy places. God’s word remains true: “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” And so, we see that “multitudes of both men and women” became disciples — “more than ever.” Indeed, Luke no longer includes a total count of disciples—even of just the men.

The apostles’ signs and wonders “regularly” continue, and in fact, continue such that people even outside of Jerusalem are being brought in to merely encounter the shadow of Peter. Luke is reminding us of three things: (1) through these signs and wonders and preaching, the apostles are continuing in the ministry of Jesus; (2) through the incredible faith of the people and by the Holy Spirit, even the shadow of Peter is bringing about healing — showing that the disciples are achieving, as Jesus foretells, “greater things” than him; (3) and we see the beginnings of the gospel spreading beyond Jerusalem — just as Jesus promised and commanded. Here we see the first glimpse of the news of the resurrection reaching beyond Jerusalem — just the outskirts for now.

Just two chapters back, the High Priest forbade Peter & John from proclaiming the name of Jesus and teaching the resurrection. Yet, here they are again, in the Temple, continuing to proclaim the resurrection. How have the apostles been getting away with it?

Two things: (1) they are confidently following the commandment of God

(Go into the world and preach!) rather than heeding the commandment of this man; (2) they are highly favored by the people, for they are casting out demons and healing the sick.

Finally, the high priest and his minions have had enough, being filled with envy, and arrest the apostles. But this is to no avail, for an angel of the Lord releases them in the night, and at daybreak (just like the resurrection!), they are back in the Temple preaching the Name of Jesus.

What lesson do the apostles -- who were prohibited from teaching about Jesus, but continued all the same -- have for us in our culture?

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

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:

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, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Adam, Aria, Ray, 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 and the family of Don. 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.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

9/25 Finley Baker

10/4 Denny Potter
10/7 Darryl Brednich
10/9 Dan Hunter
10/10 Linda Casper

Anniversaries:

9/23 Vince & Donna Berardinelli (58 years)
9/23 Jeff & Holly Pelusi (25 years)
9/25 Bob Jordan & MaryAnn Sinwell (20 years)
9/29 Lou & Michele Hiener (35 years)
10/2 Darryl & Elsie Brednich (60 Years)
10/10 Dana & Diana Hillman (55 Years)



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

9:00 Worship with Communion & Opening of the Convocation

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

Keynote Speaker will be Bishop Dan Selbo

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

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 ~~MacDonaldton~~ Road –Berlin, PA 15530

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

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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