

NEWSLETTER OF EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:13 ESV

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVID MCCARTY

As I sit down to write this newsletter article for October, I have within my heart a deep concern for many of our members who are experiencing serious medical illnesses, physical difficulties, emotionally draining situations, and financial burdens. These are the types of conditions that place considerable strain on the individuals who are being directly affected. These are also circumstances that have a way of greatly affecting the families and friends who are caring for, and care about, their loved ones who are in jeopardy.

As members of Emmanuel we have been brought together by God to be a church family. But in the bigger picture of the Kingdom of God, you and I are members of the body of Christ. In I Cor. 12:24b-26, Paul tells us something of what that means, "But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." As members of the body of Christ and the Emmanuel Church family, may we be the type of caring people who look for opportunities to come alongside our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

What are some opportunities that are available to reach out in love to those hurting? First and foremost, we can lift these individuals and their families up in prayer. We try to do this during the time we have general prayers in our worship service. We do this when the need is made known to me. Yet, it is also very important for us to remember these saints in our personal and family prayers, as well. Secondly, we can send cards of care and concern to the person, or persons, who are facing a tough moment in their lives. Sympathetic and loving words can soothe the aching heart. Thirdly, we can offer assistance to the one struggling and to their family. It might come by visiting them and simply listening to them. It may happen through a phone call. It may take place when we are able to provide a meal or two, as a way to help lessen their workload and stress level. Or, you and I may be blessed to be in the position to give assistance through a monetary gift.

Each of us, at one time or another, has faced or will face a major setback in our lives. As those situations arise what a blessing it is when other people come along side us and are there for us. Jesus was very clear when He talked about such things in Matthew 25:35-40, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer Him saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." As Christians we are called to reach out to those who are in need, especially those individuals who are fellow members of the body of Christ.

In Matthew 19:19 and 22:39, Mark 12, and Romans 13:9, you and I are told that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. Reaching out in love to one another is exactly what we are called to do as God's children. There is definitely a wealth of opportunities to help our neighbor, and many of those exist within our own church family. I pray that each of us will search our hearts and seek the Lord's will on how we might be a blessing to our neighbor who is in need. And as we reach out, as God's people, may He be glorified by our actions.

Pastor McCarty

Check out our Live Sunday
Service on the Web!
emmanuelontheridge.com

ELDER'S LETTER

October Blessings from the Board of Elders!

The Board of Elders met September 20th.

Attending: Michael Korunka, Don Schroeder, Harry Jones, and Pastor Dave

I'm happy to announce Ken Huner will once again continue as our Church Deacon for another year.

This month the board will give Pastor his annual review. Please contact your elder or myself, if you have any questions concerning Pastor's annual review and we'll be happy to discuss it at that time.

Teresa, Pastor Dave and the Elders have almost finished our new Pew Cards for our member and visitors to fill out and place into our offering plate. The top part will have our church information for visitors to take with them. Communion cards for our visitors are almost finished and ready to be laminated to cover our communion practices for our visitors to review.

The board has decided to keep Pastor Dave & June on the Concordia HealthCare Plan Choice 3000 for 2018 – There's an increase of 3.9% over last year. Our monthly cost for their health care is now \$1,185.00 compared to \$1,141.00 in 2017. Pastor's HSA plan will continue to be the same as last year.

We're now working on our Advent Letter. There's going to be three Midweek services this year. This year we're including our updated Time & Talent Sheet. Please fill this out and leave it in the church secretary box or hand it to your elder or myself. We plan to delete the database of any old Time & Talent Sheet and start over from scratch.

The board would like to thank Teresa for her awesome work on our new Monthly Newsletter and layout.

The board plans to start focusing on helping our member strengthen their Christian *marriages*. *God wants our marriages to be strong which is a major step in bring families back to church. We are looking at marriage seminars, retreats, online marriage challenges for our members and surrounding community to help all of us understand the unique responsibilities that God assigns to husbands and wives.*

Over the past several months the board has been reaching out to our absent members encouraging them to once again worship with us. Our absent member program has 4 steps which will last for one year. Members will first be mailed one of our new absent cards. Then there will be a follow up call from their Elder. If there's no response, then a call from Pastor McCarty and finally a letter from the Board of Elders moving them to the inactive list for 9 months. This action does not remove you from our prayers and concern. We will continue to minister to you faithfully as the church has done in the past. We want to encourage you not to lose touch with the fellowship here at Emmanuel. When your life situation changes and you're interested in being active in our church again, just request to be returned to an active member status by a call to Pastor Dave @ 517-301-0456 or Myself @ 734-649-5349. We can begin the process of incorporating you back into the life of our church family.

Our next prayer fellowship is scheduled to meet October 19th at 7:00pm. Come pray for our church, it's members and for anyone who is in need of prayer. We have placed a prayer box along with a request form located in the sanctuary near the bulletins. Please remember, you can also submit 24/7 a prayer request through our website. Go to <http://www.emmanuelontheridge.com/prayer-request> click **Connect** and then **Prayer Request** which will take you to our prayer request page. If you have questions, please see myself or Dan & Laura Tomell.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Elder or myself.

Our next Elder's Meeting will be October 26th @ 7:00 pm.

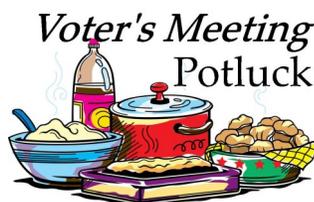
God's Blessings, ~ Michael Korunka, Director of Elders

*“Blessed are the
poor in spirit, for
theirs is the
kingdom of
heaven.”*

MISSION & MINISTRY COUNSEL NEWS



We will be participating in Trunk or Treat at the Britton Fire Hall on Tuesday Oct 31 from 6-7pm. We are applying for Thrivent dollars to help fund this outreach; please join us for some Halloween fun & then stay for the costume contest afterwards.



Voter's Meeting Potluck

Potluck offerings will be on tap at the Voter's meeting on Sunday, Nov. 5 after services. Please bring a main dish, salad & a dessert to share. We'll supply the drinks & table service.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Giving – September, 2017

September Budgeted Income	\$12,500.00
September Actual Income	\$9,508.98
Short	\$2,991.02



JERRY'S MARKET

Jerry's Market feels very strongly about supporting the local non-profit organizations. They have a program that gives

back, and this is how their program works. The members of Emmanuel shop at Jerry's Market, and save their receipts. Receipts are collected in the box located in the red box by the stairs going down. When receipts are turned in, Jerry's Market will donate 2% of the total spent (does not include cash backs or sales tax) back to Emmanuel!

Yes! It's that simple! So ... collect those receipts! Receipts will need to be dated October 5, 2017 or after.

**Voter's Meeting
Nov. 5, 2017

After worship
service,
with Potluck**

LWML NEWS



LWML MONROE ZONE FALL RALLY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Rally

Immanuel Lutheran Church- East Ida

6272 W. Albain Rd.

Monroe, MI 48161

Speaker: Linda Luedeman

From: Ambassador for "Women At Risk"

(Human Trafficking)

Gifts of Love: No gifts of love, but they will be selling items the women have made and all proceeds go this cause. Beautiful jewelry and other items to purchase. Need a Christmas Gift? Check out their website for items that may be available: warinternational.org



Mighty Mites!

We have donated

\$1,266.56

to date!

This month we would like to share with you: **"Mercy House for Women and Children"** - The Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint, MI, has purchased a residence next door to the mission and is using these grant funds to redesign, renovate, refurbish and furnish the residence. Named "Mercy House for Women and Children", the facility will house six to eight homeless, pregnant, and/or abused women and their children. Located in one of the poorest cities in America, the home will attempt to break the cycle of poverty and decrease the potential for abuse, by housing women and children in a safe, caring, Christian environment, where the best practices of parenting and relationship building can be modeled and taught.

All ladies are welcome to grab a copy of the NEW Lutheran Women's Quarterly available on the table in narthex!

Next Gathering – Thursday, October 12, 2017 @ 6:30

All women are encouraged to attend!

THANK YOU QUILTERS!



Our quilters were able to make 53 beautiful quilts going to those in need!

Nice Job!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Hello, Carolyn Reitz here ~ I am privileged to be the director of the new Family Life Ministry here at Emmanuel. One of my great joys is to plan and teach our family's children, ages 3 through 4th grade. So far we don't have many students enrolled in our Sunday School, but I am hoping that as you read this newsletter you will consider allowing us to also minister to your families, if you are the parents of a child or children in this age group. We also have a Sunday School class for children 5th grade through confirmation age. We welcome everyone in this age group to attend as well.

This year in my Sunday School class we are making a trip through the truths of the Bible as taught in all of the familiar Bible stories from the Old and New Testament. So far we have talked about *God's Special Book*, *God Created Our World*, *Adam and Eve*, and *God's Miracle of a Baby for Abraham and Sarah*. We will also be learning about Martin Luther, as 2017 is the year that we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

In the past I have spent many years as a certified teacher in a Lutheran day school. I have a specialist degree in early childhood. I am thrilled that the Holy Spirit has now called me to use what He has invested in me to minister here in our family at Emmanuel.

We now have a Family Life Ministry office, located across the hall from the nursery. Please feel free to stop in and check out the resources we have available to families in our church. Pastor McCarty has set up a table in the narthex which contains many books, some that you can purchase at a very reasonable price (maybe a Christmas gift idea!), and also books from our church library which you can check out and use at home.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any questions you may have about Family Life Ministry at Emmanuel. My email address is joyful_sound@yahoo.com and my phone number is 517-902-6052.

God bless you and your families in Jesus' name,
Carolyn Reitz



THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Elder:

Mike Korunka

Elder Assistant:

David Stahl

Usher:

Mark & Adam Prielipp

Acolyte:

October 1, 15, 29 - Joseph Bigelow
October 8 & 22 - Dylan Korunka

Money Tellers:

Donna Olsen Bowen- Oct. 1, 8, 29
Elisabeth Harris
Clara Furgason

Greeters:

Oct. 1, 8, 15 - Rita Horton
Louise Vershum
Sue Ellen Smith
Oct. 22 & 29 - Jane Griggs
Elisabeth Harris
Bill Keehn

Altar Care:

Darlene Gergely

Organist:

Oct. 1 & 15 - Carolyn Reitz
Oct. 8 - Eileen Jones
Oct. 22 & 29 - JoAnn Bartush

Nursery:

Oct. 22 - Julie Gimesky



PRAYER REQUESTS

Illness: Liz Harris, Lennie Day, Arthur (Bud) Butler, David Wielfaert, Melvin Scheffler, Laura Anderson and Darlene Clark (daughters of Darlene Gergely), Charles Williams (son-in-law of Helen Schmidt), Jerry Williams (grandson of Helen Schmidt), Jeff Peterson (friend of Sue Ellen Smith), Savannah Heiden (granddaughter of Les & Nancy Northrup), Margaret Schroeder, Rev. Mark Smith (Dixie Smith's son), Floyd & Shirley Brown, Dee Hitzemann (aunts & uncles of JoAnn Bartush), Mary Mature (friend of Lolly Luegge), Nancy Fraley & Judy Crittenden (sisters of Wayne Davis), Paul Tomell (father of Dan Tomell), Nayyer L. Qbal (friend of Krystle Keehn), Keith Siebarth (Bruce's brother), Shelley Jeffrey (niece of Eleanor Price), Brent Bachman, Diana Pape, Terry Merritt

Shut-Ins: David Wielfaert, Velma Brown, Inge Williams, Ed & Lois Schmidt, Lennie Day, and Dorothy Helm.



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

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| 1 Travis Haven
Keeley Pape | 15 Jenna Gimesky
Lena Heilmann |
| 2 Yvonne Bigelow
Elizabeth Vallad | 17 Daniel Montalvo |
| 3 Susan Hoelzer
Troy Phillips | 18 Anna Prielipp |
| 4 Michael Hintz
Evan Korunka | 19 Camryn Fore |
| 9 Jaxon Phillip | 21 Janet Strom |
| 11 Michelle Ritter
Katherine Shepherd | 23 Brett McNicol
Sue Ellen Smith |
| 12 Nathan Dedinsky
Lorrie Tritt | 24 Wayne Davis |
| 14 Lucy Rincon | 25 Matthew Pape |
| | 27 Jami Georges |
| | 28 Melvin Scheffler |
| | 31 Lois Schmidt |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES!

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| 1 Julian & Lara Guzman | 18 William & Rose Ann Luzier |
| 2 Michael & Robin Hintz | 21 Mike & Cindy Korunka |
| 9 Travis & Rachel Havens | |
| 10 Justin & Alexis Roberts | |



We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
9950 Ridge Highway
Britton, MI 49229

Sunday Worship Times

9:00am Sunday School
9:00am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship Service

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Saturday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast &
Bible Study

Wednesday: 9:00am Bible Study

