

NEWSLETTER OF EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. - Romans 12:5

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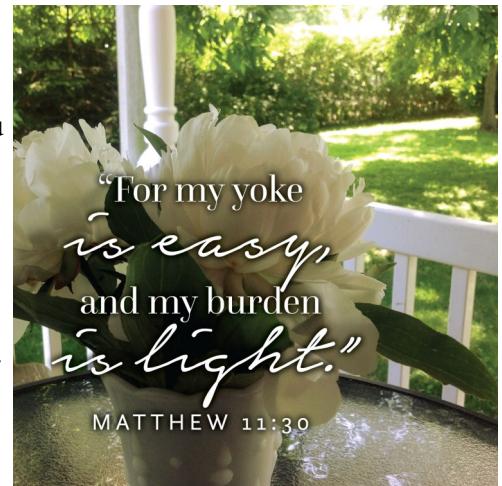
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A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVID MCCARTY

God's Blessings to All,

We are 5 months into the new year, and the last 2 ½ months have certainly been beyond yours or my wildest dream, or should I say nightmare. Many of us have spent the last couple of months in seclusion/isolation within our homes. Our world, and even closer to home our country, has definitely taken a drastic turn from what we have previously been experiencing as the norm. These unwanted changes have captured our attention and have placed us in some very unhealthy situations physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially. Stress caused by these changes has entered our lives at a level that is totally unacceptable for our personal health and well-being. So, what are you and I to do that will help us overcome the difficulties we are presently facing?

Jesus said, “Come to me all of you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light”. A yoke is something farmers place on two oxen to connect them for doing work in the fields. For us to be yoked with Jesus allows our Savior to carry the weight of our burdens when we are not able to. In this passage Jesus is lovingly inviting you and me to come to Him, place our trust in Him, and rely on Him for all our needs, both in good times and in bad. And He promises to be there for us when we do.



One of the most important things, we have not been able to do for some time, is worship together in God's house. I myself have truly missed the opportunity of being together with my brothers and sisters in Christ for worship and Bible study. These two activities have been the highlights of my week as your Pastor. Being able to come together as God's people to pray, praise, sing songs, and go to the Lord's Supper is something I deeply cherish.

With that being said, I want to make it a point to remind you about our decision to open up the church for worship service this weekend. On Sunday, May 31st, we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. This is the day when the Holy Spirit, God's power from on high, came upon Jesus' disciples and ignited a fire within them that burned with intensity. These followers of Jesus, who feared for their lives, were given strength to boldly and publicly proclaim Christ as their crucified, risen, and ascended Savior and Lord. The transformation of these believers, from living in isolation and fear to living by faith, was nothing short of miraculous.

The same Holy Spirit, who entered those (continued on next page)

Check out our Live Sunday Service (10:30am) on the Web!

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June 14th

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chosen few on the first Pentecost Sunday, is the same one that entered our hearts when we were baptized into the family of God. The Spirit of the Living God continues to empower you and me as we work to live as Christians in today's world. Dear saints, armed with the power received from on high, we can be faithful witnesses for Jesus while sharing the saving news of the Gospel. Come on Spirit light our fire!!!!

Another area we are looking at reestablishing is our Bible studies. If you are interested in attending a Bible study in the near future, please call me. If there is enough interest in starting up we will set a potential date to do so. If we do start back up, all studies will take place in the fellowship hall where we can practice social distancing.

Finally, I would like to wish all dads a Happy Father's Day. To be a father is a blessing from God. And may you never forget, God has placed a great deal of responsibility on the position of fatherhood. A Christ-centered father is a priceless treasure to his children.

Pastor McCarty



Happy Father's Day!



FINANCIAL NEWS

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – May 2020

	May	Jan.-May	2020 Budget
Budgeted Income	\$10,633.00	\$53,165.00	\$138,228
Actual Income	\$9,858.00	\$52,179.00	
Actual Expense	\$10,952.00	\$51,193.00	
Income Less Exp. (Actual)	(\$1,094.00)	\$986.00	

ELDER'S LETTER

May 27, 2020

Dear Members of Emmanuel,

It has been nearly two and half months since we have had the blessing of coming together as God's people, for worship in His holy house. This has been a trying and difficult time for all of us to have to experience. Since our President has declared Churches an essential part of our American society, we are planning on opening our doors up for a worship service this coming Sunday, May 31st at 10:30am. This Sunday we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. What a perfect time this is to join with one another in worshiping our Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the Heavenly Father poured out His Spirit on Jesus followers that first Pentecost Sunday, may He also abundantly pour His Spirit out on you, me, and all believers.

As a way for us to be able to safely gather for worship and to adhere to the directions sent to us by the Lenawee County Health Department, the Board of Elders and I have set in place some guidelines to follow. These are being provided to you for your safety and health, as well as for the protection of all who wish to come for worship at Emmanuel. Here are the guidelines:



1. If you are concerned for your safety, please stay home and continue watching the service online.
2. If you are sick or have been exposed to someone who might have the virus, please stay home and watch the service online.
3. The only areas open in the church building will be the sanctuary, the upstairs narthex, the upstairs bathrooms, and the path between the basement doors and the stairways.
4. The sanctuary will be sanitized after the service.
5. Masks should be worn for your protection, as well as for the safety of others. If you feel comfortable wearing gloves, please do so.
6. Sanitizer containers will be available for use as you enter the church building.
7. When entering the church, please do not shake hands or give hugs.
8. Bulletins will be on the pedestal for you to take as you enter the sanctuary.
9. Seating will be marked with every other pew blocked off with tape. Your household may sit closer than 6 ft. Each family and individuals will sit at least 6 ft. apart.
10. Communion will be administered Pilgrim style (one line) and there will be an usher to release you to go forward for communion to assist in conforming with social distancing. Pastor will be at the end of the center aisle giving you the bread with a glove on. You will move right, or left, to receive the individual cup of wine. Once you have received the elements you may return to your seat down the side aisle. If you are unable to come up for communion, Pastor will come to you.
11. When the service ends the usher will release you to leave. People will be released from back to front to minimize close contact. Please exit the church building immediately out the appropriate doors!
12. Since the virus can be more easily spread through respiratory droplets, when singing please do so at a minimized level.

We realize these are unusual and trying times. We very much look forward to worshiping together again in the Lord's house. Following these guidelines should help to keep us all safe. If you do not feel comfortable returning yet, that is perfectly acceptable. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding concerning our present situation.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact Pastor McCarty or one of the Elders.

In service to the King,

Pastor McCarty and the Board of Elders

MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL

MMC

Chairman:

Ken Huner

Treasurer:

Donna Bowen-Olsen

Secretary:

Jerry Pape

Elder Chairman:

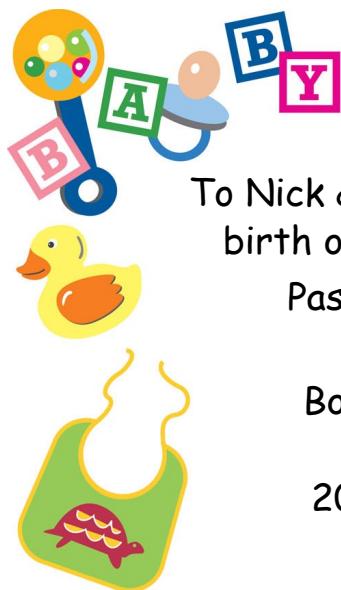
Mike Korunka

MMC officers:

Tammy Pape

Carolyn Reitz

Bonnie Turner



Congratulations!

To Nick & Lacey Quatsoe on the
birth of Joy Luella Quatsoe!

Pastor Dave & June's
granddaughter

Born May 23, 2020

8 lb 4oz.

20 1/2 inches long



LWML NEWS



LWML Mission of the Month – June 2020

Your Mite Box located in the rear of our Sanctuary collects your loose change to support many Missions, some close to home and others around the world. This month we would like to share with you: **“Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers.”** The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is to passionately reach out to people who are blind and visually impaired with the Good News of Jesus Christ as their Savior. Since 1943, LBW have been assembling braille Bibles and other Christian materials. In its 76-year history, LBW has produced and distributed, **free of charge**, over 14 million volumes of braille, large print, and audio materials. In the United States, there are nearly 11 million people who are blind or visually impaired and over 36 million people worldwide. Of this number, it is estimated that more than 94 percent are unchurched. The braille Bible has 37 volumes; each volume has 90 pages. A zinc plate is produced via a plate embossing device (PED) which enables pages to be printed. Multiple plates are needed to print one Bible. The mites raised for this grant will help LBW to purchase a new PED to produce the zinc plates. With the new equipment and new technology, LBW will be able to better meet worldwide demand for Bibles in multiple languages.

Thank you for your donations! The Michigan District has met its goal and the national LWML is on target for meeting theirs!! Please continue to fill the mite box as our district sets its new goal to reach in two years!!

~Your Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

Fly your flags on Flag Day, June 14!!

**Happy Fathers’ Day to all fathers
and grandfathers!**

May God continue to richly bless you with wisdom, patience, love, & joy!

Our next scheduled gathering is to be on June 18, 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. As our governor has said the state can reopen on the 12th, we **should be able to gather!** We hope you can join us for fellowship and Bible study! We need to see and visit with our sisters in Christ!! We have much to catch up on and learn more about the **virtual district convention on July 11!** Wear masks and gloves as you deem necessary! Please continue to turn in your no longer needed glasses, soft glasses cases, stamps, and plastic caps of all sizes.

UPDATE ON LWML SPRING RALLY

Sadly, I must report that the LWML spring rally has been cancelled. So, we set our eyes to October and the fall rally. We pray our speaker will still be Becky Grossmann, a translator with Lutheran Bible Translators. She receives the money raised from the postage stamps we have sent in. Gifts of Love will be financial gifts for LBT. Becky could bring purses and bags made by Liberian artisans, with money from these going to the artisans who made them.



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YOU'LL RECEIVE A LINK

1. For your first time click "SIGN IN" then "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"
2. Complete the registration to receive your secure PIN
3. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information.

Tap "Save Payment" to use it for future gifts.

EDIT - Update your account & payment information

KEYWORD - See a list of Keywords (Funds) you can give towards

REFUND - Made a mistake? Refund your last gift. (15 min. expiry)



VBS - Hi, This is Karen Siebarth. My daughter in St. Charles, MO is a DCE working with Youth and Children's Ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. She is working on a digital Vacation Bible School this year. I asked her if our little Christians could be a part of it, and she invited us to register. Go to immanuelstcharles.org/school/vbs and follow the prompts to register. I am working with Marianne Avery, Carrie Reitz, and Pastor to make sure this can happen for your families! **Must register by June 7th!** Questions? Call Karen Siebarth at 451-8263.



Time to subscribe or renew your subscription to Portals of Prayer, a pocket size devotional. Ordering through the church gives you a discount. This year's subscription is only \$6.15 (large print = \$17.50). Please place your check made to "Emmanuel Lutheran Church" in plate clearly marked with "Portals of Prayer" in memo, or mail your subscription to Emmanuel Lutheran. **Deadline is June 28.**

JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

Joy is heard

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). God's Word engenders life. It kills to resurrect. We live in the joy and hope of the Gospel proclaimed. In the Absolution, life is spoken through the power of the Gospel to salvation to all who believe, and we respond with joy. Joyful song, joyful worship and joyful living. Find out more at joyfullylutheran.org.

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Virtual Baby Bottle Drive May 10 – June 17, 2020

In honor of Mother's and Father's Day, we are humbly asking for your help in supporting the moms, dads and children who need us most with a tax deductible gift to [CPC of Lenawee](#). All of our services are offered free of charge to our clients. To see the many services we offer, please take a look around our website, cpclenawee.com.

Even though we continue to face a pandemic, the needs of our clients haven't changed. If anything, they need our support even more! It is our desire to honor the executive orders currently in place; and yet we recognize the urgency to stay consistent with the mission and ministry of CPC and the goals set forth for this year. You may give by the following ways:

1. On-line through our website, cpclenawee.com; click on "DONATE NOW"
2. Mail your offering as a check to Virtual Baby Bottle Drive, payable to "CPC"
308 N. Broad St., Adrian, MI 49221

No gift is too large or small

and will always be received with thanksgiving to God and appreciation for you!

Please follow CPC's Facebook page for the most current information. It would be a big help and greatly appreciated if you would LIKE and SHARE our page with your friends and family. [facebook.com/cpc](https://www.facebook.com/cpc)

The ministry of CPC of Lenawee is totally dependent upon God to provide for the financial and spiritual needs of this ministry by using churches, foundations, and individuals. CPC of Lenawee accepts no state or federal funding.



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*Thanks
Dad!*



PUZZLE

Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and — for many people — time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.

Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...

Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

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e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y

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Answer: The LORD Almighty

I Dad

PRAYER REQUESTS

Illness: Margaret Schroeder, Floyd & Shirley Brown, Dee Hitzemann (aunts & uncles of JoAnn Bartush), Don Mature (friend of Lolly Luegge), Nancy Fraley & Judy Crittenden (sisters of Wayne Davis), Harold Ruhl (Lolly Luegge's sister-in-law's father), Glenn Applin (Terri Keehn's cousin's husband), Sherry Burmeister, Robin Clark (friend of JoAnn Bartush), Cameron Redman (step great granddaughter of Eileen Jones), Laura Tomell, Tristan Tomell (grandson of Dan & Laura Tomell), Jim Conrad, Anne Marquardt (friend of Lolly Luegge), Annette Bachman, Dan Wyse, Betty Oesterling (Lolly Luegge's cousin), Lolly Luegge, Yvonne Bigelow, Ralph Schafer, Jason Kluck (friend of Bonnie Turner), Paula Baird, Rebecca Roberts, Eileen Sell

Shut-Ins: Velma Brown, Inge Williams, Ed Schmidt, Peggy Bush, Ralph Schafer, and Diana Pape.

Continued prayers for **government leaders, health care workers, other essential workers, and those who are facing isolation, illness, or experiencing unemployment** during the current COVID-19 pandemic.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Mike Korunka | 22 Sonny Roberts |
| 2 Carolyn Reitz | 23 Diana Pape |
| 2 Ingeborg Williams | 24 Lee Ann Price |
| 5 Kathryn Mohr | 25 William Luzier |
| 6 Carrie Shepperdson | 25 Joshua Phillips |
| 7 Edward H. Schmidt Sr. | 28 Paula Baird |
| 10 Jeremy McNicol | 28 Karen Dedinsky |
| 11 Allison English | |
| 16 June McCarty | |
| 17 Robin Hintz | |
| 17 Levi Schlea | |



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!

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|------------------------------|
| 6 Melvin & Barbara Scheffler |
| 7 Ed & Karen Dedinsky |
| 17 Terry & Laura Merritt |
| 19 Derek & Carrie Schlea |
| 24 Joseph & Nancy Downard |



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Summer



WORSHIP TIMES

We will be livestreaming our 10:30am Sunday services
on our website <https://www.emmanuelontheridge.com/live-streaming-video>
and facebook at "emmanuel on the ridge"

Worship Service starting May 31st at 10:30am
As of now, no Sunday morning Adult or Youth classes