

**The Parish Helper**  
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## **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**



**October 2019**

## From the Pastor's Desk

How do I sum up thirty-two years of shared ministry in one page? It's impossible. Too many memorable moments, and many years of simply going about the daily work of ministry, have passed to make such a brief assessment. Still, I feel the need to address you, beloved people of Emmanuel, one last time before my tenure as your pastor ends.

When you called me on October 4, 1987 to serve as your pastor you charged me with these duties: "to preach and teach the Word of God; to conduct public worship; to administer the sacraments; to provide pastoral care and leadership; with the church council, to lead and administer the work of the congregation..." These words have always served as the basis for my understanding of ministry among you. They are what got me up in the mornings, sent me to my study to prepare sermons, make visits when people were in the hospital, plan and lead worship with our Directors of Music, teach confirmation students, lead and accompany youth on mission trips, and the countless other opportunities you and God gave me to serve as your pastor. Along the way there were many, many more joys than frustrations. I can truly say you helped me in my growth and development as a pastor. The opportunities to provide pastoral care, the acceptance of my leadership and openness to my initiatives, the love and support you showed my family, are the gifts you gave me.

When I arrived in Lancaster to begin my service I had no idea Emmanuel would be my only call as the pastor of a congregation. Like most of my pastoral colleagues I simply assumed I would serve for a few years, discern another call and move to a new congregation. Now, at this point in my life when I realize my call to serve as the pastor of a congregation will be my only call, I look back in amazement and wonder. Truly God had something to do with this.

We are now at the point where my call to serve as your pastor is coming to an end. Sunday, September 29, will be my last Sunday in the pulpit and on the altar. During October I will be taking vacation and you will be served by supply pastors both in worship and for pastoral care. My call officially ends on October 31. In the last edition of the Parish Helper I counseled you to realize that after that date I can no longer serve you in any pastoral capacity. This is to ensure that the pastor who follows me is given the same opportunities to serve as your pastor as you gave me.

May our final words be words of God's blessing and peace. "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Go in peace. Serve the Lord." And may the last words be "Thanks be to God!"

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Kurt Strause*

## ASSISTING ON SUNDAYS

October 6

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Spark

Deyanna Cameron  
Karl Soutner  
Keith Frey, Bob Miller  
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Suzanne Burkholder  
Roger and Louise Burkins  
Gini Horn

October 13

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Usher  
Greeters  
Spark

Tommy Hockenberry  
Tom Santosusso  
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Suzanne Burkholder  
Bill Hannegan, Mary Royer  
Tom Santosusso, Dan Smith  
Monette Cameron

October 20

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Spark

Faith Siegrist  
Diane Ehemann  
Gini Horn, Monette Cameron  
Diane Ehemann, Marcus Thomsen  
Frank and Nancy Lynn  
Phyllis Strittmater

October 27

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Spark

Tommy Hockenberry  
Phyllis Strittmater  
Ed and Lori Hockenberry  
Phyllis Strittmater, Marilyn Soutner  
Ed and Lori Hockenberry  
Diane Ehemann

Usher captain - Tim Smith

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
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## First Sunday Coffee following worship October 6

Goodies provided by  
Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Enjoy a snack and some chatting**

## BASKETS of PROMISE

October 6: Ingathering and Blessing\*



\*LWR school kits to be assembled on Ingathering Sunday, October 6 after church. Helpers needed, no sign up required.

**Thank you to all who donated items and money for school kits.**



**Gutenberg Gabs** ~ a book discussion group ~

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

Monday, October 14, 1:30 to 3:00

Hostess: Mary Royer

## Lancaster County Food Hub Community Meal

at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church

on October 14, 2019, 5:30 PM

Volunteers are needed:

to pre-make Chicken Noodle Soup,  
Bake Cookie Bars (recipe and pan provided)

and for serving and clean-up.

Interested in helping? Contact:

Deb Barrett, 717-872-2113 or

Sign up in the Narthex

Enjoy the fellowship as we celebrate Reformation Sunday.

**Potluck Sunday, Oct. 27**



Following worship, we'll gather at the back of the narthex and enjoy hot or cold potluck fare with a nod to German (or otherwise as you choose) food. Please be sure the food you bring can be eaten with a toothpick or a fork. Paper goods and beverages will be provided. There will be limited seating for those who need it most, but the rest will be holding their plate to eat. Don't forget to **wear red!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

SUNDAY SCHOOL offering for the fall semester will be sent to Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania, to support their supplemental nutrition and nutrition education program. Steve and Jodi Swanson, the medical missionary couple we help sponsor, are based at the Selian Lutheran Hospital. Jody works with a supplemental nutrition and nutrition education program to help low birth weight children thrive. Last fall we sent our Sunday School offering to the Newborn Intensive Care Unit where her husband Dr. Steve works.



**Financial Report**



	August	YTD	
General Fund Income		\$12,814	\$106,744
General Fund Expense		\$15,356	\$122,385
Difference		-\$2,965	- \$15,642

**New church begins worship at Emmanuel**

We welcome the members of **Streams of Life Worship Center** who began worshipping at Emmanuel in August. Led by Pastor Joseph Shilalo and his wife Tabitha, they are a congregation with a special mission to East Africans who have immigrated to Lancaster. Their worship services are a lively blend of traditional and contemporary praise music with an emphasis on powerful preaching. They worship using both English and Swahili, the language of Kenya and Tanzania. Worship takes place in the chapel at Emmanuel on Sunday afternoons between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Stop by and visit. You would be most welcome. Check [ww.streamsoflifelancaster.org](http://ww.streamsoflifelancaster.org).



**OCTOBER**

3	George Ehemann, Jr.	13	Norma Oblender
3	Ruey Rodman	17	Judith E. Deichert
5	BA Smith	23	Debra Barrett Frey
8	Lucas Hannegan	23	William Hemperly, Jr.
9	Debra Long	26	Cory John Nissly
9	Frances Greiner	27	JoAnne LeFever
11	Renata E. Strause	29	Bonita Hartranft
11	Valerie Hughes	29	Dorothy Hauck
12	Josephine Kuhn	31	Karl Soutner, Jr.
12	Robert Miller	31	Tim Smith

**Deadline for the November Parish Helper is  
Wednesday, October 16.**

**Please send all information to [office@emmanuelancster.org](mailto:office@emmanuelancster.org)**