Emanuel Lutheran Church

July-August 2022

The Emanuel Witness

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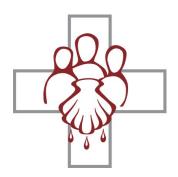
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Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.





Pastor Meeker recently spent several days visiting with members of Emanuel's Kenya Mission Teams. He also shared sermons during the Saturday night and Sunday worship services the weekend of June 19. At the end of his sermons he offered some very good news with us as he spoke of the successful continued growth at Point of Grace Academy. He offered several groups and numbers supporting this information. We think you will feel good about the efforts from so many who have helped POG reach this level. Seeing his words in writing will help you understand how happily we see the rewards of years of prayers and hard work. We always remember our motto, "With God All Things Are Possible." Point of Grace and God are certainly working together to make the following information possible.

POINT OF GRACE ACADEMY 2022

Nursery/Primary Students: 560

High School Students: 206

Total Students on Campus: 766

POG Junior Academy: 190

Other Schools: 58

College: 155

4 Kenya's Kids Total: 1,169

Teachers: 34

Support Staff: 47

CSC Staff: 5

Students finished college: 43

Employed: 27

Seeking Work: 16

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

You Don't Have To Go To Church This Summer!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's true; you don't have to go to church this summer. People are busy, getting the most out of the few warm and sunny days we have during the year. Go ahead and play hooky, go to "the lake," or enjoy that weekend of Fort Wayne festivals, softball tournaments or camping with your family! You work hard all week long. You deserve the rest and relaxation, right?



But . . . (you knew it was coming, didn't you?) that is not to say that God's people should neglect being in worship. After all, true rest is living in the forgiveness of sins (and receiving forgiveness for our sins is the primary purpose for our worship). Have you ever thought about worship that way: as a rest from all the demands we face in this world; a place where Christ has promised to meet you and deliver to you all that is necessary for your salvation?

It makes sense, doesn't it, that Christ would come to serve us in worship? After all, during His earthly ministry, Jesus said that He "came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Just before His ascension into heaven Jesus promised His apostles and the Church, "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). What does this tell us about the worship of the Church? It is the place where Christ comes to serve us until the end of the age, when He will take us home to be with Him forever. (That's ultimate rest, by the way, and we won't have to go back to work once the weekend's over either, because this rest will last for all eternity).

Our worship is a foretaste of this rest. With that rest in Christ, comes peace. And peace is a major theme throughout our worship. Next time you're in church, take note of all the times that God's peace is proclaimed to you. It is a peace that comes through Christ and His forgiveness for you. It is a peace that is yours now, only to be fully realized on the Last Day.

So, do we have to go to church? No, we don't have to, but thanks be to God that we get to be in worship with the body of Christ on a regular basis! Thanks be to God that He provides this service to us! Thanks be to God that His people gather together for worship not only at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven but all over Indiana, the United States, and even throughout the world (even at "the lake").

As God's people, we go to church . . . not because we have to, not because we are horrible people if we forget to set the alarm Saturday night, and not to manipulate God into giving us temporal blessings. We go to church (even in the summertime and all throughout the year) because it is in His house where God showers us with His love, where He repeatedly enters into our lives.



You don't need to wonder if God loves you – He invites you to His house to proclaim this truth to you and to shower you with His love. You don't need to wonder if God is in your life – He gives you His own body and blood in His Supper. He calls His baptized children to the family meal in His house so that we will have the strength to live our lives out in the world. God is indeed truly good to us, and we see this every Sunday when He gathers us together around His Word and Sacraments. Thanks be to God for His great love to us!

God's Richest Blessings,
Pastor Chad Hoover



SUNDAYS

SUNDAYS
7 a.m. - NBC-TV 21.2
(FiOS 4, Comcast 13, Mediacom 8)
8 a.m. - MyTV Channel 21.3
4 p.m. - Public Access
MONDAYS
10 a.m. Public Access
11:30 a.m. - WINM-TCT

July 3 Luke 10:1-20 Tell the Family Story Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Remember listening to your grandparents tell you stories of their childhood? Those stories delighted us and gave us a sense of who we are. We have a story to tell. It is the story of Jesus. It is the story of God's eternal love and assures us that our "names are written in heaven."

July 10 Colossians 1:1-14 Are You Sure?

Rev. William Mueller

At the beginning of his letter to the Colossian Christians, the apostle Paul uses some very lofty words to describe the Colossians (and, by extension, us as well). But surely, upon closer examination, couldn't Paul be guilty of stretching the truth just a bit? Is there a stretching of the truth about us?

July 17 Luke 10:41-42 **Rightly Ordered Love** Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

"I feel as if I'm being pulled in a dozen directions," is a common lament in today's world. Jesus knows these directions and, in fact, has given us a myriad of things to enjoy in this world. By listening to His voice, we learn to love these gifts in the right order.

July 24 Genesis 18:20-33 Pray Like Abraham Rev. Walter Maier III

How are we to pray? Learn from Abraham! Let us pray humbly, but also confidently, boldly, and persistently.

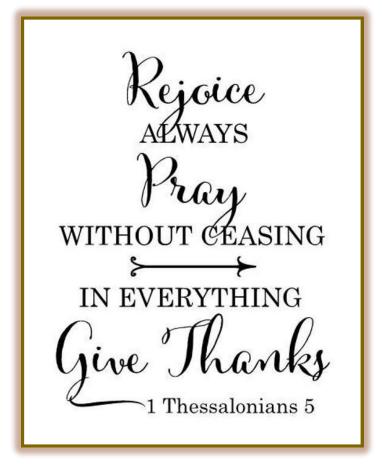
July 31 Luke 12:15 Rich Toward God Rev. Thomas Eggold

There is no life in the abundance of possessions, but through the undeserved forgiveness of the crucified and risen Christ and in the love of a Father who has graciously given you all things, you will live forever! And these are riches in which you can rejoice.



Please Pray for our Shut In Members:

Jean Quandt Elna Szink Sally Neilson **Barb Krauter** Kenneth Werling Wilma Forks Richard Lahrman **Ken Doctor** Joyce Jones Glenn Witte **Maxine Remenschneider** Geneva Brueck **Estella Peters** Joan Reichhart **Helen Purvis** Ralph Seddelmeyer Jim Purvis Don Gallmeyer Sandra Poling





SAVE THE DATES:

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23

WITH DROP OFF OF ITEMS BEGINNING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT NOON



Who is my Elder?

Emanuel is divided into 13 Elder districts, by member last name.

Mark Schuller-Head Elder

Jimmy Cobb—District #1: Abbott-Black

Ben Koeneman-District #2: Blair-Castens

Wade Benjamin—District#3: Cheviron-Dunfee

Ron DeLong—District #4: Dunn-Gatchell

Benjamin Castens—District #5: Gehl-Heckler

Paul Niccum—District #6: Heine-Kleinschmidt

Mike Sweet—District #7: Kline-McEvoy

John Colter-District #8: McGraw-Neumann

Tom Burkholder Jr.—District #9: Newhouse-Reichhart

Steve Snodgrass - District #10: Reimund-Schlund

Steve Poling—District #11: Schmeling-Stauffer

Terry Werling—District #12: Stecker-Warney

Jerry Schlund-District #13: Wasylk-Zuercher

If your last name falls within the listed range for an Elder, he is "your" Elder.

The Board of Elders serves the church by overseeing the worship life of its members.

Your Elders care about you and your spiritual life! Please don't hesitate to contact your Elder!

I am thankful to God all the time for you. I am thankful for the loving-favor God has given to you because you belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:4 (NLV)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 FROM 12 PM - 5 PM



Back by popular demand! The outdoor event is returning, but this year is extra special.

Our beloved Central Lutheran School is turning 70!!

Come help us celebrate this amazing milestone with a back-to-school fiesta!

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new friends.

We hope you will join us in the celebration!

Recycling





Did you know that Central Lutheran has a Paper Gator in the south parking lot? Did you know that Central also collects aluminum cans to recycle? These are two simple ways to help Central students. All benefits go to students going to Washington D.C. Central goes to Washington D.C. every other year, and the students look forward to it like a "rite of passage." Please consider helping with this Fundraiser. You can leave your bags of cans next to the Paper Gator in the Parking Lot, and they will be picked up for recycling.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you



Noah Andrus

Graduated from: Concordia Plans: Currently working at Alro Metals Outlet in Fort Wayne. Favorite Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 7:9 Why? It's my confirmation verse



Ellie Hellinger

Graduated from: Concordia Plans to attend: Ball State Plans to study: Sports Administration Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 37:4 Why? It's my confirmation verse and always reminds me to bring everything to God in prayer.



Bethany Bremer

Graduated from: Woodlan Plans: After earning her cosmetology license through Anthis Career Center during high school, she works at Pin-Up Curls in Fort Wayne

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10 Why? It's my confirmation verse



Emily Johnson

Graduated from: Woodlan Plans to study: Business Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 43:2 Why? A reminder for me that no matter what I go through, God will always be with me.



Kayley Compton

Graduated from: Concordia Plans to attend: IU Bloomington Plans to study: healthcare manage-

ment and policy

Favorite Verse: Luke 6:27-28 Why? It is my life motto



Brad Koenig

Graduated from: Heritage Plans: Currently working at Vorderman

Volkswagen in Fort Wayne Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Peter 4:14



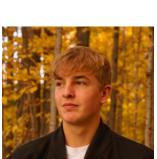
Elizabeth Gatchell

Graduated from: Concordia Plans to attend: Concordia U. Chicago Plans to study: Lutheran elementary education

Favorite Bible Verse: John 14:27

Why? It reminds me that even when the world around me seems to be out of my control, I can trust that God has a plan for me and things will

work out for good.



Leroy Lepper

Graduated from: Heritage

Plans to attend: Kankakee Communi-

ty College in Kankakee, IL Plans to study: HVAC

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10 Why? It reminds me that God is with me even when times are tough.



Grace Harmon

Graduated from: New Haven Plans to attend: IU Bloomington

Plans to study: Secondary Education, Social

Studies

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 4:16

Why? It's my confirmation verse

and be gracious to you; the Lord

turn his face toward you and give you peace.



Mackensie Neumann Graduated from: Concordia Plans to attend: IUPUI Plans to study: Marketing & Spanish Favorite Bible Verse: John 10:27-28 Why? It's my confirmation verse



Myah VanCamp
Graduated from: Woodlan
Plans to attend: IU Fort Wayne
Plans to study: dental hygiene
Favorite Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 7:9
Why? It's my confirmation verse. Reminds me God is always there for me.



Cody Schneider
Graduated from: Woodlan
Plans: Earned his welding certificate
through Anthis Career Center, is now
working on his glass glazing license

working on his glass glazing license while working at Hall Aluminum Products

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13 Why? With Him strengthening me, I am encouraged to try and do anything.



Mitchell Webb

Graduated from: Snider Plans: take a gap year, then go to school to earn certification as an auto

mechanic

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23:4 Why? It's one of the 1st verses I mem-

orized.



Bekah Snodgrass

Graduated from: New Haven Plans to attend: Purdue West Lafa-

yette

Plans to study: Special Education 5-12 Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:13 Why? Because everything you do, you have to do it with every part of

you.



Ashton Widenhoefer

Graduated from: Woodlan
Plans to attend: U. of Toledo
Plans to study: biology & chemistry
Favorite Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9
Why? It's my confirmation verse. A
great reminder that God has always
been with me and will continue to
guide me in my future endeavors.



Carlos Taylor

Graduated from: Woodlan Plans: After completing the precision ma-

chining program through East Allen Career Center, he's a CNC machinist at Otten-

weller Co.

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 4:27 Why? It's my confirmation verse. Reminds me to stay focused & keep on the path to God.



Nathan Zeckzer

Graduated from: Concordia Plans to attend: Concordia U. Chicago Plans to study: Theological languages Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 31:1 Why? It's my confirmation verse

July Birthdays



<u>1</u>
Fred Dahling
Timothy Bristow
Tina Peaks
Benjamin Stecker
Blayne Woods
Garrett Hohenbrink
Brynlee Wells

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Tara Rorick Brayden Swygart

3 JoEllen Schaadt Meredith Heine Evan Moloney Matthew Schlund

4 Andrew Bearman Daniel Schorey Myles Flagg Jacob Wilson

<u>5</u>
Lillian Kage
Patricia Sturm
Vicki Shipp
Laura Seddelmeyer
Kayla McGuire
Madisyn Jackson
Emersyn Noga
Oliver Price

<u>6</u> Nancy McClain Benjamin Kremer

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He choose for His inheritance. Psalm 33:12 7 LeAnn Fritcha Aimee Wilson Emerson Corbin Ethan Corbin Leah Werling

<u>8</u> Ashley Bremer

9 Vernon Criswell Benjamin Castens Gabriel Moloney Troy Hileman

Cynthia Bair
Jon Remenschneider
Sara Bauer
Andrea Hoover
Ian Perkins
Rylie Guenin
Jon Hoeppner

11 Jeanette Benzinger Karen Short Mike Mackin Ethan Biedess

12 Sally Neilson Bill Bloomfield Myra Evans

13 Madeline Reddinger David Dyarman Rondyson Georges Hannah Bennett Hazel Essex

14 Dawn Wind Parker Bender Jacob Gentz Nancy Siders

Nancy Bitner
David Cheviron
Matthew Anderson
Sherry Ungemach
Andrew Jones
Kathryn Castens
Hailey Smith

<u>16</u> Gary Morales Dawn Bontrager 17 Zachary Graham Owen Gerig

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Marilyn Messmann Joellyn Petry Christina Dambra Travis Schaadt Zoey Nunez

19 Luann Reichhart Max Sorg

20 Karen Love Sandra Hall Sarah Fitzwater Mackenzie Beery Tristan Grayless-Kemp Everett Fitzwater Kade Dommer Jack Pranger

Luke Pranger

21 Joyce Danner Elizabeth Rehwaldt Richard Hohenbrink

22
Paul Meyer
Kathleen Morales
Sarah Bloomfield
Ethan Shoemaker
Calyn Bauer
Alexis Grossman
Henry Swygart
Emma Hileman

Karen Fuelling
Melissa Koeneman
Molly Stecker
David Bischoff
Rylee Dunn

24 Rory Schmeling Cohen Pankop

25 Corbin Blair Logan Blair Jennifer Boleyn Wyatt Aldrich Graham Thompson Camden Brooks 26

Marlene Poling Kathleen Lawson Sharon Smith Gretchen Guenther Trevor Waidelich Owen Doster Ava McGraw

27 Jerrod Schmidt John Purvis Zachary Lothamer Zachary DeBolt Maryann Beck

28
Randy Stephenson
Heath Guenin
Dalton Miller
Chad Grover
Isabella Viggiano

29
Glen Rinard
James Hargens
Michael Sweet
Jason Bennett
Dustin Reed
Melissa GraylessKemp
Matthew Smith
Owen Stumpf
Kelsey Coomer

Keaton Becker

30 Linda Stuerzenberger Nathaniel Nahrwold Christopher Messmann Ohndréa Jones Taylin Rorick Finnegan Moloney Kayd Niemeyer

31 Natalie Schlund Chris Essig Viviana Hernandez

August Birthdays

1 Donald Scherer Steve Winicker Sandra Schaper Elizabeth Hirschy Megan Rathge Kim Knittle Christopher Webb

2 Thomas Trzynka Beach Harmon Douglas Geller Joshua Bradtmiller

3 Glenn Witte John Gerke Timothy Sims Keith Peters Gary Nahrwold Cathy Mackin Katelin Lothamer Laney Dambra Micah Zeckzer Sandy Dunfee

4 Karl Schroeder Christopher Evans Karen Lands Raymond Jones Christopher Mc Laughlin Wyatt Zellers

<u>5</u>
Jeannie McHenry
Lindsey Werling
Kade Waidelich

<u>6</u> Claudette Jordan Amie Hunt

7 Kelley Stein Lisa Cain Daniel Sauders Zachary Dailey Elizabeth Hellinger

<u>8</u>
Dawn Carrico
Samantha Herman
Misty Hernandez

9 Ronald DeLong Alex Figueroa

10 Jacob Birkmire

<u>11</u> Alexandria McGraw

12 Raymond Jones Joel Essex Amanda Richard David Kinnee

13 Peter Czubakowski Cynthia Baker Elaina Hartwig Jill Bulmahn Alexis Wetoskey

14 Terrence Corbin

Elaine Fisher
Teri Fox
Carla Stecker
Dusty Dailey
Allison Huston
Kelly Bender
Mackenzie Fredrick

16
Dale Loshe
Stephen Walter
Andrew Werling
Grant Widenhoefer
Elizabeth Gatchell

<u>17</u> Erin Conn

<u>18</u> Isaiah Swygart

19
Matthew Widenhoefer
Eden Berning
Melissa Antonios

20
Susan Bandt
Kim Bowman
Kathryn Trzynka
Justin Schaadt
Mysti Eichinger
Isaac Andrus
Insley Dommer
Dalton White
Truman Miller
Breckyn Kleinschmidt

21
John Zeimet
Michael Meyer
Jacob Gooding
Asher Brooks
Matthew Robinette

22 Nancy Bennett Betty Holmes Tamara Heine Barbara Meyer Cruze Guenin Angie Benjamin

23 Shirley Deetz Susan Faust Brian Lepper Myah VanCamp Bryce Mason Caleb Thompson Lillian Rehwaldt Lanie Blair

24Tyler Purvis
Dale Burford
Grey Guy
Freya Walchle

25
Roger Scheele
James Barker
Larry Stemmler
Melissa Schmeling
Erica Nunez
Roger Peters

26Donald Gallmeyer
Barbara Shriver



Carolyn Campbell Alexandra Starkey Alexa Hoover

27 Carol Richmond Rodney Rathge Mark Doenges Shelley Sickles Tiffany Bennett Robert Crowl Isaac Bremer

<u>28</u> Douglas Black

Patricia Patton
Dennis Scheumann
Robert Hockemeyer
David Van Spankeren
Uriah Edmondson
Aria Peters
Mia Swygart

30 Pamela Gotschall Nathaniel Blair

Gregory Peters
Barbara Melin-Pierce
Troy Waidelich
Caylee Rodriguez
Bryce Dunfee

'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6

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July August 2022



MONUMENTAL Celebrating God's Greatness

July 10th-13th 5:30-7:45pm

Online Registration for Participants/Volunteers:

www.myvbs.org/emanuelnh

Questions: Please Contact Jayme Abbott

VBS is looking for donations for the following items:

Snack packs of chocolate pudding (12 pack), bags of gummy worms, bags of chocolate chips, bags of mini marshmallows, Golden Grahams cereal, Rice Chex cereal, pretzel twists

Please label items with VBS and place in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by <u>July 6th</u>