

The Latest News and Happenings at  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio

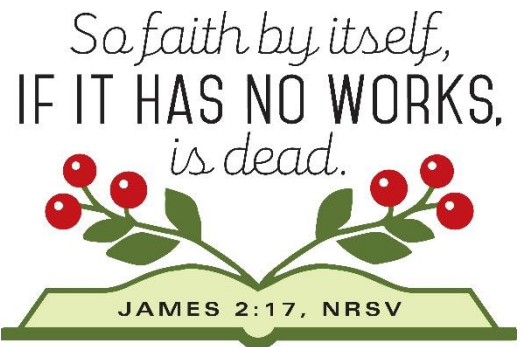
## From the Desk of Pastor Rob

“God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.” – Martin Luther

“A person is good when they are willing to help others in their need.” – Martin Luther in lecture on Galatians 5:22, LW vol 27

**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. – James 2:14-17**

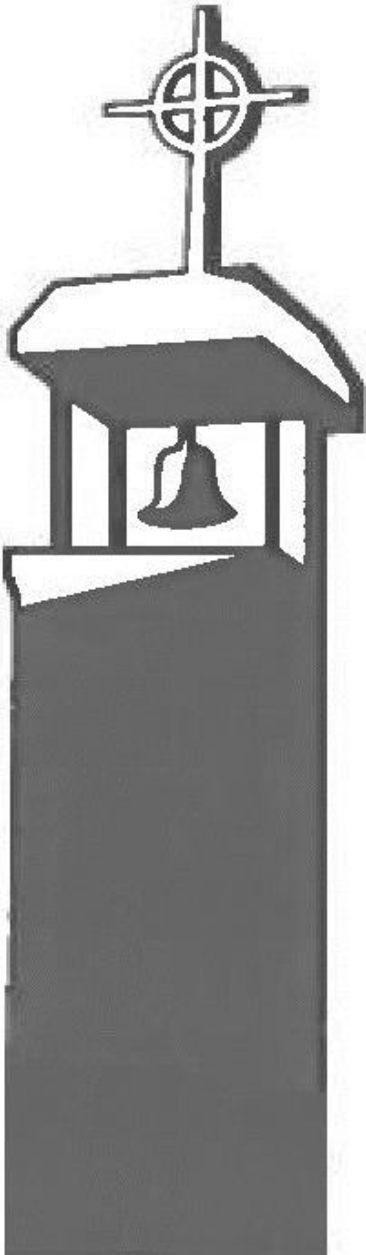
As summer comes to a close here this month, we start September with the ELCA’s annual day of service, God’s Work Our Hands Sunday, which this year falls on September 8. Talking about good works in the church can be a tricky subject as a Lutheran because we believe that we are saved by grace through faith, not the works that we do. However, that does not mean we do not need to do good works. We do these good works *because* we are saved as a sign of the blessings that God has given us. But these works are more than just for the sake of the church.



We often view the work of the church as similar to running a business—balancing the budget, paying the staff, and maintaining the building. But the church is far more than that. It is a community of people gathered for worship, empowered by the Holy Spirit. The church's mission goes beyond just keeping the doors open and the lights on. It extends into the neighborhoods and communities surrounding it, spreading the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and demonstrating God’s love and compassion to others. The work of the church is never complete, and it is important to remember that it is not about our own benefit or glory, but about serving others and glorifying God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can achieve incredible things, transforming the world for the better. This is the mission of the church, the same mission given to the apostles at the Ascension, to carry on Christ's work and share the Gospel with the world. Today, that remains our mission as the church.

We will gather after worship on September in the Fellowship Hall to assemble Blessing Bags to give out to this in need in the community. These bags are filled

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with essentials to help people get through their days; basic personal care items, snacks, water, and a list of local resources that they can contact to receive the help they need. While we will be putting these together on September 8, we are still in need of the items for the bags, which can be donated to the office. The plan is that this will be an ongoing ministry of the church.

My hope is that we take what was in my sermon series on stewardship and we will be inspired and called to share our time, talents, and treasures to do the work of the church and make the world a better place.

Prayerfully yours,

*Pastor Rob*

## God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

This year for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, join the Service Committee as we assemble Blessing Bags to give out to those in the community in need. These bags give those in need some relief and comfort. We are asking for donations of the following items to be included in the bags (travel sizes only please):

Toothbrushes	Soap	Wet wipes
Toothpaste	Combs	Gum/mints
Deodorant	Lotion	Granola bars/
Shampoo	Socks	Cliff bars
Tissues	Hand sanitizer	

## Back to Sunday School Party/Rally Day

Join us for our intergenerational Back to Sunday School party to kick off the new Sunday School year on Sunday September 8 at 8:30 am. Breakfast and activities in the fellowship hall, register for Sunday School and meet the teachers!

## In Appreciation

Dear friends,  
Steve and I want to thank you for all your loving kindness and generosity that you have showered on us in the last several months. I especially thank you for the wonderful birthday celebration you participated in on July 28 and for all your lovely gifts and cards. I hope to get thank yous out to all of you at some point. Steve is residing at Park Village, Dover now and we are adjusting to this new part of our life. Your prayers, cards and many kind words and thoughts are so appreciated! They are a tremendous support to us at this time.

With love,  
Ruth and Steve Patrick

Dear All,  
Thank you so much for your generosity to Dress-A-Child and the children we serve. We are very grateful for your support. We have reviewed all the applications and determined those who have qualified for the program. We will meet with those qualified on August 14 and 15 and distribute Kohl's cards to those families. While our donations have not been as strong as we would have liked, we think each gift card will be about \$70.00. Ya!  
Thank you all again. Your timing is perfect and very much appreciated.  
Sincerely,  
Becky

## Altar Flowers

The following Sundays are open:  
Oct 13 and 27, Nov 3 and 10,  
Dec 1, 8, 15

Please sign up on the flower chart in the lobby or call the church office.



**There is something about walking into a Subway that always makes me hungry. And now that they are also in Walmarts, I get hungry walking in there, too! The smell of fresh baked bread. Oooo-nelly!**

It's like this for me: I walk into a Walmart with a Subway and right away my nose smells it. And the bread... that bread... makes me hungry. I wasn't hungry before - but now I am. And that smell perks up memories of baking bread and eating bread.

In my tradition we are in the summer of the Gospel of John. Specifically in the 6th chapter where Jesus talks, for the whole chapter, about being the bread of life. And for 6 weeks this summer, in our Lutheran tradition, this is the chapter that is being read in pieces parts for all of those weeks.

It can be alot about the bread of life. But, perhaps that is exactly the point. Jesus calls himself the bread of life. And we, Jesus' disciples, are supposed to be his Body in the world. The hands, the feet, the voice of Christ in the world and for the world.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

--Ephesians 5:1-2

But what does that mean?

It means a lot of things. But last week we also read the text from Ephesians that is quoted, above. And I thought about what it means to be the stand in for The Bread of Life in the world.

It means we are a fragrant offering! Freshly baked bread for the sake of the world. A fragrant offering that is enticing and alluring and offers the possibility of sustenance. Something that makes people hungry for something that they didn't even know they wanted.

This is us at our best - we disciples of Christ. A fragrant offering for the sake of all the hungry.

Peace this week,  
Bishop Barbins

## Pastoral Care Visits

If you or anyone you know would like a visit from Pastor Rob, please call the church office or Pastor Rob to make arrangements. If you can help with visiting and taking communion to shut-ins, please see Pastor Rob.

## Staying Connected

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## Words of Wisdom:

We will never change the world by going to church. We will only change the world by being the church.

## Worship Volunteers

### September

#### September 1

**Lector:** Wayne York  
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

#### September 8

**Greeters:** Kenny and Lisa Lab  
**Lector:** Jerry Gartrell  
**Usher:** Barb Rupe  
**Communion Assistants:** Kenny and Lisa Lab

#### September 15

**Greeters:** Tom and Bonnie Yanders  
**Lector:** Tom Yanders  
**Usher:** Tom Yanders  
**Communion Assistants:** John Foust and Wayne York

#### September 22

**Greeters:** Dick and Myrna Hugh  
**Lector:** Rob Sterling  
**Usher:** Neil Rupe  
**Communion Assistants:** Dick and Myrna Hugh

#### September 29

**Greeters:** Dane Smith and Dorothy Glass  
**Lector:** Barb Rupe  
**Usher:** Dane Smith  
**Communion Assistants:** Marcia Lile and Deb Ritenour

### October

#### October 6

**Lector:** Marsha Smith  
(Greeters, Ushers, Communion Assistants from Council)

#### October 13

**Greeters:** Neil Rupe and Chuck Moore  
**Lector:** Dane Smith  
**Usher:** Neil Rupe  
**Communion Assistants:** Barb Rupe and Marcia Lile

#### October 20

**Greeters:** Ward and Linda Holdsworth  
**Lector:** Marcia Lile  
**Usher:** Barb Rupe  
**Communion Assistants:** Ward and Linda Holdsworth

#### October 27

**Greeters:** John and Barb Sandy  
**Lector:** Sally Dorn  
**Usher:** Tom Yanders  
**Communion Assistants:** John and Barb Sandy

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*noun*- A person of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, past or present, who welcomes everyone, who loves and serves their neighbors unconditionally, who puts their faith into action.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	2 OFFICE Closed	3 11am - Pastors' Group 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Property Meeting	4 11am - Free Prayer 6pm - Stamp Club	5	6 Office CLOSED	7 10am - Tractor Pull at
8 8:30am - Adult Sunday 8:30am - Back to Sunday 8:30am - Kid's Sunday 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	9 8:30am - Share-a 12pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Finance Meeting 6:30pm - Council Meeting 6:45pm - Tusc. Coin Club	10 8:30am - Share-a- 11am - Pastors' Group 6:30pm - Bell Choir	11 8:30am - Share-a- 1pm - Healing Service	12 8:30am - Share-a-	13 Office CLOSED	14
15 8:30am - Adult Sunday 8:30am - Kid's Sunday 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	16 12pm - AA Meeting	17 11am - Pastors' Group 4:30pm - Free Family 6pm - Stamp Club 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Zumba Class	18 Messenger DEADLINE 11am - Free Prayer	19	20 Office CLOSED	21
22 8:30am - Adult Sunday 8:30am - Kid's Sunday 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	23 12pm - AA Meeting	24 11am - Pastors' Group 6pm - Pines Mobile Home 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Zumba Class	25 5:30pm - Pub Theology at	26	27 Office CLOSED	28
29 8:30am - Adult Sunday 8:30am - Kid's Sunday 9:30am - Worship Service 3pm - GriefShare	30 12pm - AA Meeting	1	2	3	4	5