



Good News

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, ELCA, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Our Mission ... to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ

Friday, Feb. 2, 2018

Emmanuel's Good News newsletter, email edition!

Check your inbox! Emmanuel's newsletter now is emailed directly to you! You will be able to get all the happenings sent right to your inbox.

You can forward it to friends, share it to social media, and click on links to read more or view videos. This is our second email newsletter, which will come out twice monthly. The first newsletter was opened by nearly 60% of our members with emails.

If you are reading a print copy and would like to get your newsletter by email, please share your email address with the church office.

Professional countertenor, national traveler, speaker visits Emmanuel Feb. 4

As recently heard on NPR, Lutheran pastor's kid and professional countertenor singer, Mikah Meyer, will speak and sing at both 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. services at Emmanuel Sunday, Feb. 4 as part of his world record, three-year road trip to all 417 National Park Service sites.

Mikah has been living in a cargo van while traveling across the U.S. for the past 22 months, becoming the youngest person to visit the entirety of the National Park System—using the media and platform to share a message of carpe diem, hope, and acceptance for LGBT Christians.

To keep this project going, he "sings for his supper" and receives freewill donations to pay for travel expenses. Come hear him, learn more about his ministry, and ask your questions about the parks journey.

[Click here to learn more...](#)



Mikah Meyer jumps for joy at Guadalupe Peak, one of the 417 National Park Service sites he is visiting on his three-year trip.

God's Love Welcomes You



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

We are an inclusive faith community that seeks to live the Word and Way of Christ's unconditional love. This means that, like Christ, we believe each person is a beloved child of God regardless of shape, size, economic status, religious background, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, or anything else that could divide us. We give thanks to God for the unique identities with which we are created, and have found here a fellowship of believers that accepts us just as we are. Come worship with us and enjoy full participation in all aspects of our life together, including baptism, confirmation, communion, marriage and burial.

Feb. 4 also is RIC Sunday at Emmanuel

In conjunction with Mikah Meyer's visit and presentation, Emmanuel will commemorate Reconciling in Christ Sunday on Feb. 4.

Emmanuel accepted its new Welcome Statement at last year's Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017.

To qualify as an Reconciling in Christ congregation, a church's Welcome Statement specifically must state its welcome to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Just 8% of the ELCA specifically welcomes LGBTQI+ members and has the RIC designation through Reconciling Works.

[Click to go to Reconciling Works](#)

Pack your bags: Feb. 4 is Food Bank Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 4 is a busy day at Emmanuel, so don't forget your bag or bags of food for our first Sunday food drive!

Emmanuel's food drive supports the Prescott Valley Food Bank, the smaller of two food banks in our community. The last Sunday of each month there are paper bags to take home and fill and bring back the next week. But if you miss getting a bag, no worries. Fill any paper sack or plastic grocery bag with non-perishable food items. Even one or two items can help a senior or family in need.

Bags are loaded right at the curb in front of the entrance, so bring your donations with you when you come in for worship. The bags add up: we had 133 bags in January!

Pre-Lenten reflections from Interim Pastor Sarah Isakson

Lent is a time of renewal and reflection. We can honor God among us as a companion for us while we assess the causes of distress in our lives.

As we gather in worship and discussion groups let's look for ways of giving up worry and adding in words of praise of God and self affirmations.

Some of my favorite affirmations are:

- We got this, Jesus!
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!
- Help is "on the Way."
- Grace happens!
- May we be a blessing today!



Soup's On: Ash Wednesday, Lent almost here

Hope connects each of us with our neighbors. This Lenten season, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Prescott Valley will share soup and holy conversation about our five outreach ministry partners: Hope for the Hungry and food banks, Hope for Homeless neighbors and Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity, Hope for Recovery Organizations, Hope for our Displaced neighbors, and Hope for Children in our adopted Liberty Traditional School and Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission School.



Prayer will be a focus of each Wednesday gathering (Feb. 21-March 21). Following a communal dinner of soup in Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m., as Emmanuel has offered on Lenten Wednesdays for years, the Lenten service will follow at 5:30 p.m.

The Lenten season begins on Wednesday, Feb. 14 with two Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7 p.m.

ELC Call Committee outlines search process

The Call Committee has been meeting to organize by choosing a chairperson (Julie Pavri) and a recording secretary (Bruce Newcomb), and to begin to study the materials provided by the Grand Canyon

Synod. On Saturday, Jan. 27, we met with Lowell Almen, interim bishop of our synod, who was very helpful and encouraging. He reviewed with us the upcoming process of discerning a pastoral candidate who has the gifts needed to move our congregation forward into a future toward which God is calling us.

Bishop Almen is reviewing potential candidates and will be providing profiles of several candidates. At that point, the committee begins the process of interviewing, discerning, narrowing the list, and intensive information gathering.

Once a candidate has been selected a recommendation will be made for council approval and then congregational approval. We hope the process will move along quickly, but we really have no way of predicting how soon we will be able to have a new pastor.

Please remember that much of our work will be confidential in nature and cannot be discussed outside of the committee. However, we will be providing updates all along the way to apprise you of how the process is moving along. Please direct any questions to me, and remember to keep the committee and it's work in your prayers. Pray, and pray again!

Julie Pavri, Call Committee chair



Commissioning, budget vote, elections at Annual Meeting

Emmanuel members approved a half-million dollar budget, elected new council and committee members, and commissioned the call committee at the Annual Congregational Meeting Jan. 28.

Results of the elections are:

Council VP: Janet Santiago

Council Treasurer: Gary Coe

Council Secretary: Nance Busboom

Council Members: Bob Moser, Gail Gentes, Casey Rooney

Nominating Committee: Paul Berry and Carole Rebholz

Grand Canyon Synod Assembly delegates: Gary and Karen Coe

Audit Committee: Jenni Johnson

Endowment Committee: Ted Becker

Finance Committee: Carol Wade and Chuck Guenther.



Emmanuel's next blood drive will be March 2

The next United Blood Services blood drive at Emmanuel is Friday, March 2. Judy Nielsen has coordinated the twice-annual UBS blood drives at the church for many years.

With the severe flu season we are experiencing, blood draws around the state are suffering, leaving blood supplies to hospitals at very low levels. If you are able, please reserve the date and plan to give, either a pint of whole blood or one of the double red cell units. Sign up Sunday mornings in February in the narthex, or online at UnitedBloodServices.org



TALK TO ME!

TALK. LISTEN. LEARN. GROW!

WOMEN'S RETREAT
FEBRUARY 16-18, 2018
EMMANUEL PINES CAMP
PRESCOTT, AZ

Women's Retreat sign-up deadline extended to Feb. 5

The 13th Annual Women's Retreat at Prescott's Emmanuel Pines Camp will be Feb. 16-18. The \$125 registration fee deadline has been extended to Feb. 5. Women of all ages welcome! And yes, our much-missed Brita Hammit will be there to lead the event!

Put down those electronic devices and prepare to Talk, Listen, Learn and Grow at the retreat, themed "Talk to Me!"

Lodging is dorm-style, with ample restrooms, showers & heat! Meals are included. Talk to Wendy Woolley or Nancy McIntyre, or pick up a flier in the narthex.

ELCA World Hunger is February Mission Outreach

The hunger issue is expanding as food stamps are cut, children are going to school hungry, food banks are hurting, etc. When we give to ELCA World Hunger, bear in mind that a portion of the dollars given come back to the United States.

Although the number of undernourished people has dropped by over 20% since 1992 (216 million fewer than in 1990-92), today there are 815 million people who do not have enough to eat.

Working with and through congregations and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that work to remedy the root causes of hunger and poverty

Who Do You Think You Are?

Emmanuel is repeating the "Who Do You Think You Are? Discerning Your Identity in Christ" workshop on three consecutive Mondays, Feb. 5, 12 and 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. each session.

The workshop will help you discover your spiritual gifts, your personal style and your passions and convictions and how they relate to God's design for your life.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex, if there still are openings for this popular workshop.

There is no charge, but sign up ASAP to reserve your spot, and to get your materials.

The Work of the People

The word "liturgy" means "the work of the people." **Worship is not a spectator sport!** Please join us in making worship happen – you might find worship has new meaning! You can become a communion assistant, acolyte, altar guild team member, or another position.

On the tables in the entrance, you will find sign up sheets with various worship functions for both services. Don't let "I've never done that before" stop you. You will receive training so you can perform your duties with confidence.

If you have any questions about taking part in any worship role, call Bonnie Cain at 715-305-1652.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Feb. 1: Denise Yohn
Feb. 2: Rene Llewellyn
Feb. 3: Ann Theobald
Feb. 3: Landon Worthington
Feb. 6: Michael Kenny
Feb. 6: James Lundquist
Feb. 8: Andy Youngblood
Feb. 9: Mida Jordan
Feb. 9: Emma Parknowitz
Feb. 10: Sue Smith
Feb. 11: Kathy Austin
Feb. 11: Renee Taylor
Feb. 12: Rowan Everett
Feb. 14: Millie Meyer

Feb. 16: Millie Meyer
Feb. 17: Truman Jensen
Feb. 18: Jeanne Currie Tomlinson
Feb. 19: Anyana Martin
Feb. 20: Jessica Everett
Feb. 21: Daniel Cwach
Feb. 21: Carolyn Wade
Feb. 22: Pam MacCleary
Feb. 22: Karen Roush
Feb. 23: Isabel Benell
Feb. 25: Geri Cottrell
Feb. 26: Bee Sena
Feb. 28: Dwan Walters

Anniversaries:

Feb. 12: Thomas & Patsy Calvert, 46 years
Feb. 12: Julie & Thomas Schifferli, 18 years
Feb. 22: David & Bonnie Cain, 54 years
Feb. 23: John & Nancy Clark, 55 years
Feb. 27: Tom & Rosemary Hellene, 31 years

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or your name or date is incorrect, please contact the church office at 928-772-4135.

2018 P.R.A.Y. Initiative begins

Did you see and stop by the table full of pictures of our youth at the Annual Congregational Meeting? A lot of Emmanuel members did!

People Rallying Around Youth, our P.R.A.Y. Initiative, is underway. Parents of our children and young adults fill out a packet of information and provide a photo of their child.

Our P.R.A.Y. Initiative Coordinators, Jim and Becky McIntyre, take the lead in recruiting Emmanuel adults to pray for individual young people throughout the year. Make sure you take the time to meet and connect with your youth and parents, and families, connect with your mentors!

If you have a child at Emmanuel and did not receive a P.R.A.Y. Initiative packet, please call Jim or Becky McIntyre (after 5:30 p.m.) at 928-772-9694, or email them to jamescmcintyre@cableone.net or rebeccamcintyre@cableone.net.

Living the Questions study group

A new Monday study group is starting in February. Are you a "Questioning Believer"? Do you have a hard time believing that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible word of God? Do you question some of the doctrines set forth by the church?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, this could be a good study group for you. *Living the Questions* seeks not to provide easy answers, but to be a resource for people who are in the midst of a lifelong conversation about the mysteries of faith and life.

The orientation meeting is Monday, Feb. 12, with regular meetings following on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions, call or email Linda Virden, 928-227-0541, linda.virden@gmail.com.

What's happening? Emmanuel's calendar is online

Emmanuel's calendar is the source to find out about special events, Bible/book studies, meetings, youth events and more.

[Click to see Emmanuel's calendar](#)








Did you know Emmanuel Lutheran is on Facebook?

Click the Facebook logo to join the conversation!



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Annual Meeting	29 8:15 AM Staff Meeting	30 8:30 AM Wm's Sml Group Bible Study 10:00 AM Lectionary Studies (Diller) 10:00 AM Wm's Sml Group 11:00 AM Interfaith Meal St. Germaine's 5:00 PM Jubilate	31 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Lectionary Study (Walkoff) 1:30 PM Bible Study (Austin's) 5:00 PM Joyful Ringers 6:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation	1 9:00 AM Quilting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Stockbridge) 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice 6:30 PM Bible Study Chino Valley 7:00 PM Bible Study (Rebholz)	2 9:00 AM Organist	3 7:30 AM Men's Small Group 9:00 AM diakonia 10:00 AM Worship & Music Ministry
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