



The Emmanuel Envoy

October 2021

*Jesus said to them,
“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as
these that the kingdom of God belongs.” ~Mark 10:14*

I can't wait. For Sunday (October 3rd) that is, when, after a year of meeting on Zoom, our Sunday School children and teachers will begin having classes in person again. The three-year-olds in our church will have their first Sunday School experiences this Sunday. We will go back to having Sunday School music. The older kids will see each other and their teachers in person for the first time in a long time and will be able to have a different kind of experience of community and learning than they have had in a long time.

As excited as I am about in person Sunday School, I'm equally grateful to the perseverance and dedication of our Sunday School teachers, and our Sunday School coordinator, Janice McHugh, and our Sunday School students and their parents who all made it possible for Sunday School to keep going during fall 2020 and winter and spring 2021. Zoom Sunday School was, at times, a challenge for both teachers and students, but it was still much better than no Sunday School at all. The children still learned about God's love for them and God's call to them to bring God's love to their families, friends, schools and communities. They were reminded every week, through their screens, that the adults of this church love and care about them.

During our 11:15 worship service on Sunday, October 3rd, the first day of our new Sunday School classes, there will be a service of blessing for the Sunday School program, the teachers, the leaders, the students, and their families. There will also be a service of welcome for the students who will be a part of our Confirmation program this year. The people who attend Zoom worship on the 3rd will also have an opportunity to pray for our Sunday School program and for our Confirmation students. It is truly a blessing to share our faith and to share our ministry with the children and youth in our community.

You might think that, since we had to push the first day of Sunday School back from our "usual" start day of the Sunday after Labor Day, that we gave careful thought to when we would start Sunday School instead and chose this coming Sunday because of the gospel reading where Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." That's not the case, though. We picked this Sunday because it was the first Sunday of October, the beginning of the month, a good time to start something new. Still, Jesus' words could not be more appropriate and inspiring for this day when our ministry to and with the children in our church takes another step forward.

As you'll see later in this Envoy, October is the month of our pledge drive, which is when we ask commitments of financial support for Emmanuel for the coming year. With that financial support all of our ministries can continue and grow in the year of our Lord, 2022. Thanks to your support, our ministries of Sunday School and Confirmation are growing and thriving and we are able to express Jesus' love and blessing for children as we are blessed by their presence with us.

In Christ,
Pastor Amanda

Prayer Concerns List

Susan Tomasello	Ann-Marie Litcof
Jovanni Sanchez-Colon	George Beaudoin
Bill Rapp	Bo Ruda
Megan Nowak	Rebecca Sol
Lyndsay Boysen	Danny Connolly
Tony & Sheri Nikolassy	Jean Croll
Paul & Heather Crisafulli	Iain McLane
Jon Pierce	



Church Office Hours Resume

Beginning Tuesday, October 5, Emmanuel's church office hours resume. It's been a long time since we've been here 4 days a week!

We are open Tuesday-Friday 9 am to 2pm.

Alice

Thank You Notes



Friends at Emmanuel,

Thank you all for the gift for my graduation. It was very thoughtful and I appreciate it very much. I'll be thinking of everyone while I'm away

With love,
Mattheu Avelar

Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the prayer beautiful prayer shawl and generous scholarship. This church and it's community has been a huge part of my childhood and has helped me get to where I am today. I will always be grateful to have grown up in this amazing church!

Love,

Sophie donovan

We've Moved!!

Yes, it's true, Joan and Bob Carlson have moved to sunny Florida. They would like to keep in touch - so here's their contact information.

299 Parkwood Circle
St. Augustine, FL 32086
508/641-5389



Devotionals

October - December Devotional Booklets are available for pickup, just outside the church offices. (The Word in Season and Christ in Our Home.)

Bible Sunday

On **Sunday, October 31st** (Reformation Sunday) during the in-person worship service we will be giving Bibles to children 3rd grade and older who have not yet received a Bible from Emmanuel. If your child fits into that category, please contact the church office at: office@emmanuelnorwood.org or 781-762-9457 to let us know if your child can be here on October 31st to receive his or her Bible.



Mission Fund Grants



At our September Council meeting, the Council approved Mission Fund donations to three organizations: Project Health CV (Cape Verde), Partners in Development, and Mission Emanuel. All three of these organizations are groups that our own Cara Crisafulli has traveled with on medical mission trips to Guatemala, Cape Verde, and the Dominican Republic. Right now, because of Covid-19, these organizations are not sending travelers into the countries in which they work, but they are still trying to continue

their medical and development work in those countries with people in need.

The money that we donated to these groups though our Mission Fund will be used to continue the work of these groups, by providing them with money to purchase and ship medical supplies, food supplies, and tents and tarps in Haiti, where Partners in Development is currently working,

Emmanuel's Mission Fund is a fund that we use exclusively to support mission work. Through it we partner with groups doing ministry and service work locally and around the world. If you would like to donate to the Mission Fund, you can send a check with Mission Fund in its memo line to Emmanuel at 24 Berwick Street, Norwood, MA or you can donate through our website at: <https://onrealm.org/EmmanuelLuthera6070/-/form/give/allfunds> and choosing Mission Fund in the "Fund" dropdown menu.

New Member Opportunities



It's great to have some new people worshipping here at Emmanuel and to see some new children in Sunday

School. In spite of the challenging times that we've faced in the past couple of years as people, families, a congregation, a nation, and the world, the Holy Spirit is still gathering us together as a community to worship the Lord and to serve in Jesus' name.

If you have been visiting as Emmanuel, for a few weeks, for a month or more, or even for years, and are interested in learning about becoming a member here, there will be two opportunities to get together with others who are interested in joining and some

current members of Emmanuel on **Sunday, October 24th and Sunday, October 31st**. Both of these meetings will be held in the Founders' Room after the 11:15 a.m. service. You are welcome to come to one or both of these meetings so that you can meet some people at Emmanuel and learn more about this congregation.

We will be receiving new members on **All Saints' Sunday, November 7th** at either the 9:30 a.m. Zoom service or the 11:15 a.m. in-person worship service for anyone interested in joining who can make it on that day. (If November 7th does not work for you, please let me know and we can figure out a date for you to join that works with your schedule.)

Friday Night Live



Our Friday Night Live youth ministry for kids in 7th-12th grade regrouped after our summer break on Friday, September 24th, with pizza, ice cream sundaes, and an epic game of Jailbreak.

At our meeting on Friday, October 1st, we'll be talking about the National Youth Gathering which was rescheduled from summer 2021 for this summer, July 24-28, in Minneapolis, MN. We are hoping to have a big group from Emmanuel attend the National Youth Gathering this summer! We'll also be talking about what the kids want to do at our Friday Night Live meetings for the rest of the semester (through December).

Unfortunately, this Envoy will go out before the rest of the schedule is set for Friday Night Live for October, but the kids will get a schedule emailed to them, so that they will know what we're doing from week to week. Watch here and in the weekly emails to keep up with what Emmanuel's youth are up to at Friday Night Live!

Service



Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood:

We've heard from the Norwood Food Pantry that they are in need of some specific donations right now. If you're able please pick up some or all of the following items, bring them to the church, and we'll get them to the Food Pantry:

- Instant Coffee (especially Decaf in small jars)
- Spaghetti Sauce (24-ounce jars)
- Boxed Pasta (ziti, penne, rigatoni, spaghetti, cavatappi, etc.)
- Hash (Hormel/Mary Kitchen, Libby, Store Brand, etc.)
- Beef Stew (Dinty Moore, Armour, Store Brand, etc.)
- Instant Pudding Mix (chocolate or vanilla) and Gelatin (Red flavors are popular)

You can also make monetary donations to the food pantry by donating through their website or sending a check to:

Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of
Norwood, Inc.
150 Chapel Street
Norwood, MA 02062

A Beacon of Hope

The Stewardship Program for 2022 will begin on Sunday October 3, 2021 with commitment Sunday on October 24, 2021.

The theme of our Stewardship program this year is "A Beacon of Hope." Our scripture verse that goes along with that theme is Romans 15:13



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Ways you can return your pledge form:

- mail the form back to the church office.
- put your pledge form through the mail slot in the door at church.
- fill out the confidential pledge form on our website
<https://www.emmanuelnorwood.org/2022-pledge-form/>
- Place your pledge card in the box at the altar during our Stewardship service on October 24th.

The pledge forms will be mailed out in the beginning of October, but if you do not receive one, and would like to, please contact the church office.

You are encouraged to make your pledge as an act of faith in our God who is consistent and reliable in love, mercy, forgiveness, and support, and provides us with hope.

Thank you,

The Stewardship Ministry Team

Jesus Christ Superstar 50 Years!

It has been 50 years since Jesus Christ Superstar debuted in America and it is coming back to Boston for a limited engagement in January 2022. This musical takes place against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of Judas.

We'd like to get a group from Emmanuel together to see this production. We'll be going on **Sunday, January 9th to the 6:30pm show**. The tickets are priced at \$49.75 + \$14 for various fees. The



performance is at the Colonial Theatre in Boston and there is no elevator.

If you would like to join us please sign up through the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BA-AA82FA2FE3-jesus> If you are interested please sign up by **Sunday October 17th**.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rebecca Sol (beck.bear@verizon.net)

***Note:** The Colonial Theater will have Covid protocol in place that may include wearing a mask and/or showing proof of vaccination.

Altar Guild – Could YOU serve?



ALTAR GUILD

Emmanuel is in great need of persons to serve on our Altar Guild. Guild members are the ones behind the scenes preparing the sanctuary and altar for all our

worship services. People are set up in teams of two – so you always have another person to help with the tasks for the upcoming service(s). Men and women are invited to join the group. For more detailed information, please contact Nancy Gorton at fingernails@comcast.net.

Donate Altar Flowers

Now that we are worshiping in the Sanctuary again, you are invited to sponsor the flowers at the altar again.



The flower chart is back up in the Narthex if you want to sign up on that. Currently, there are quite a few openings between now and the end of the year.

Rummage Sale

After three missed rummage sales because of Covid-19, our plan is to have another Rummage Sale, **October 22nd and 23rd**. In order to make this work, we'll need a lot of help from a lot of people. Help will be needed:



Sunday, October 17th—setting up tables and clothing racks

Wednesday, October 20th—organizing donated items

Thursday, October 21st—organizing donated items

Friday, October 22nd—9:00-1:00—staffing the sale

Saturday, October 23rd—9:00-1:00—staffing the sale

Saturday, October 23rd—1:00-3:00 cleaning up from the sale! (Putting Kask Hall back together and taking leftover donations to Savers)

We also need items to sell, so if you've been working on cleaning out parts of your house this summer or fall, consider donating them for the Rummage Sale. Items can be dropped off **beginning October 17th** and throughout that week until the Rummage Sale begins on Friday.

Emmanuel's Rummage Sale makes money for special projects in our church and it's something that people in our community always look forward to. We've already gotten calls from people asking if we are going to hold it again this year! It's been missed. I hope that you can help us have a successful and fun Rummage Sale this year!

This is a fun event with much laughter and food. We supply coffee, snacks and yummy lunches all four days. If you have any questions, please talk to Arlene Cegelis (781-762-0360), email her at: acegelis@norwoodlight.com

Stewardship Report

	Target Income	Received actual	Received actual
September	\$17,769	\$24,972	141%
YTD	\$173,250	\$173,984	101%

Ministry Highlights for September

- On-line church service continues.
- On-line Mid-week prayer service continues.
- In-person church service continues.
- Collection for Lutheran World Relief School Kits is completed. Thank you for your donations.
- Acolyte training was held.
- Emmanuel participated in Norwood Day.
- Emmanuel is collecting food for the Norwood Food Pantry. Thank you for your donations.
- Choir Check-in took place.
- The funeral for Sally Alborghetti was held.
- Confirmation Class resumed.
- Friday Night Live has started up again.
- Council, Executive Committee, Forward Leadership Team, Stewardship Team met.

Thank you for your generous giving.

We are Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Worshiping God with joy, loving one another, serving all.

We welcome you!