



The Emmanuel Envoy

June 2022

Sabbatical !

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~Acts 2:42

Well, technically my sabbatical has begun, although, since that I'm sitting here in my office writing an Envoy article, it hasn't yet begun in reality. The events of the month of May in my personal life, my father's death, Britton and Cyrus's bout with Covid, and then my own Covid case prevented me from doing many of my "final preparations" for sabbatical, practically or spiritually. Nevertheless, by the end of this week, I will have begun my three-month sabbatical and will be away from Emmanuel for the next three months. I return to the office on September 6th. As many of you know, our plans for a big trip this summer had to be canceled because of things going on in our families. So, my sabbatical is going to be much less planned than I expected it to be. I've struggled with that reality but as I've been thinking about it, it's not an entirely terrible thing that I'm not heading into sabbatical with every second of three months scheduled. Maybe it's a good thing that circumstances have forced me actually to rest during this sabbatical, to embrace the actual meaning of the word that sabbatical is based on, "sabbath".

During my sabbatical, I'm planning on developing some better health related habits, so that I can serve better and with more balance when I return from sabbatical. With many of you here at Emmanuel and throughout New England, I'll be "Walking the Walk" for Camp Calumet, among other things. I'll be visiting many of churches in the greater Boston area so that I can see how other congregations are doing things these days. I have a long list of books that I want to catch up with so that I can listen to other voices and learn new things. My sabbatical was originally focused on spending time with my family and exploring the beauties of God's creation and the field known as "ecological theology". I'll still be spending some time in nature this summer, just a little closer to home than I originally planned. We're also going on a couple of small trips this summer, catching up with some friends we don't get to see very often, and getting Abigail ready for and delivered to college. I'm looking forward to returning to Emmanuel at the end of this summer rest and growth with new ideas and new stories, strengthened in every way for ministry with and among you.

One thing that I know that I'm going to do during this sabbatical is miss all of you. I know that I'm leaving you in good hands in terms of the pastors who will be leading you in worship and in providing pastoral care for you while I'm away. I know that our council is ready to rise to the occasion of whatever comes up during the summer. I won't be worried about you, but I will miss you. I treasure the fellowship that we share and, as excited as I am about being on sabbatical and as much as I need a chance to catch my breath, I find this parting to be bittersweet. I appreciate the words of blessing that were spoken over me last Sunday when I was sick with Covid and couldn't be with you in person. I know that your prayers will be with me and my family. So, this summer, I hope that we will all be able to heed the words from the book of Acts that are quoted above; to be devoted to one another in fellowship, whether we are near or far, to be faithful in and refreshed by worship, and be active in prayer for each other and for the world.

Know that my prayers will be with you and as happy as I am to be going on this long awaited and much changed sabbatical, I will be happy to come back when the summer is over.

In Christ, *Pastor Amanda*

Prayer Concerns List

Susan Tomasello	Lisa Gugliuzza
Bill Rapp	Terry Thomas
Bo Ruda	Leslie Daskam
Mary Stevens	Richard
The Davis Family	Karter Lopez
Debbie Mathis	Vlada & her Family
John Olson	Fred Klippert
Ann-Marie Litcof	Lisa Gugliuzza
George Beaudoin	Terry Thomas
Paul & Heather	Leslie Daskam
Crisafulli	Richard
Tony & Sheri Nikolassy	Karter Lopez
Jovanni Sanchez-Colon	Vlada & her Family
The Dimpel Family	Fred Klippert
Lynn Petrowski	



Thank You Notes

To my Church family!

Many thanks for the Easter basket full of little surprises! Thank you, Lorraine, for making the time to bring others joy.

It is appreciated.

And to the Sunday School Students in grades 3 and 4, thank YOU for the colorful Easter card you made – it was so very special.

With love and greetings to you all.

Fridel Byrnes



Hello friends at Emmanuel!

Thank YOU for the Easter basket full of goodies and practical articles. It is all greatly appreciated.

See you in church!!! Oh, and also...

Thank you, 5th graders, for the lovely Easter Card!

I was pleasantly surprised when I opened it and it read "Glad Pask" – that brought a big smile to my face. Thanks so much.

AnnMarie Blomquist.



Graduation Sunday



We will be celebrating Graduation Sunday on **June 12th** at both our Zoom and in person services.

We want to acknowledge, prayed for, and bless our graduates and encourage all of them to be a part.

We would also be grateful if the 2022 graduates could be willing to create a short video sharing:

- Their name
- Where they graduated from (and, if college, what their major/minors were)
- What's next for them

The videos need to be send to elcnorwood.digital@gmail.com and should be in landscape orientation (horizontal).

We're also hoping to have pictures for a slide show of the graduates, so, if you have great pictures from graduation or from your/your graduates' time at Emmanuel, please send those to elcnorwood.digital@gmail.com as well.

Please let us know if you'll be able to be here for in-person Graduation Sunday (email the church office at office@emmanuelnorwood.org) and please send your items for Zoom Graduation Sunday by **Sunday, June 5th**.

Responses are needed on or by Wednesday, June 8 so that the videos can be prepared for Zoom worship.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Notice of June Congregational Meeting

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our June Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **June 26th**. It will be held at **10:15 a.m.** in Kask Hall – after a slightly abridged Zoom service.

It will be a 'hybrid' meeting—allowing for Zoom worshipers to 'attend' and participate.

Marie Kask to turn 100

Marie Kask, the widow of former pastor of Emmanuel, Raymond Kask, will be turning 100 on August 1st.

For those that wish, cards can be sent to her at:

3916 Knox Court – Twin Lakes Ctr.
Burlington, NC 27215

Rummage Sale Thank You

I would like to offer many thanks to everyone who helped with the rummage sale. The proceeds of over \$1700 will go towards items not covered by the church budget and camperships.

The benefits of the sale extend far beyond the funds we take in. There is service to the community, allowing those with tight budgets to find clothing and household goods at low cost. Items not sold were donated to Savers. All the books, DVDs and CDs go to a wonderful charity, More Than Words.

Thanks to the individuals that gave many hours to help and who brought goodies to eat. Thanks to Alice Wuschke, who published announcements and made signage. More thanks to Helene Bier for handling publicity. Thanks to the individuals that set up the tables after Sunday's service.

The "crew" included Julie Ackley, Joy Peter, Joanne Balduf, Phyllis Kivi, Linnea Keyes, Martha Russell, Martha Burk, Linda Stipkovich, Pastor Amanda, Britton Warner, Lisa Hunt, Chris Gradjan, Chris McMullen, Sharon Weidenaar, Judie Aliano, Helen Rezendes, Janice McHugh, and Lorraine Lynch. Thanks to Linnea Keyes who prepared lunches. Thanks to Mark Jean-Pierre, Jerry Canelli, Elaine Gebhardt and Beth Donovan who helped clean up and take our leftovers to Savers.

These people moved tables, set signs in place, sorted through mountains of boxes and bags, arranged, rearranged, folded and refolded, checked people out, cooked our meals and snacks, arranged our huge white elephant tables, chatted with customers, bagged and boxed unsold items, brought the leftovers to Savers, swept the floors, put the tables and signs away and so on and so on.

Even though everyone worked very hard, there was genuine fellowship and good time had by all.

Thanks for cleaning out your houses and all your contributions.

Thanks, and blessings to all of you,

Arlene Cegelis

First Communion

This past year eight young people gathered together for instruction on the sacrament of Holy Communion. On **May 1st**, they joined the congregation in receiving communion for the first time. We celebrated them with cake after worship.

The class included: Matthew Ackley, Leah Afonso, Hannah Campbell, Rosalie Davis, Chloe Gillis, Rocky Hopkins, Preston Jean-Pierre, and Ryan Walsh.

Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner ???

Not a chicken dinner, but the **2021 Temperature Blanket** was 'won' by Rich Lassen. The blanket was crocheted and donated by Leslie Daskam, as a fundraiser toward the Capital Improvement Fund. The silent auction donated \$300 to the fund.



June/July Living Lutheran Available

This month's Living Lutheran magazine is available if you'd like a copy. Copies are in the hall outside the church office and in the Narthex.

As well – July/August/September devotionals *Christ in Our Home* and *The Word in Season* are available as well. Feel free to pick up a copy.

Souper Bowl of Caring Follow Up



This year's Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$1,256.25 and filled a laundry basket with non-perishable food items, which were donated to

the Norwood Food Pantry. After much discussion about the needs of the world, the Confirmation class decided to donate half of the money that they raised to an organization working in the United States and half of the money to an organization working globally.

They designated \$628.25 to go to Feeding America and \$628.00 to Lutheran World Relief, with particular interest in the LWR to be designated for relief in Ukraine and South Sudan.

Thank you for your generosity in helping the Confirmation class collect and direct this money to help fight hunger.

Confirmation Sunday

The Rite of Confirmation was celebrated on Sunday, May 29th. The following members of our confirmation class affirmed their baptism and are now ready to take on their adult role in the Church:

Julianna Avelar + Hannah Lassen

Thrivent T-Shirts – free!



We have a load of Thrivent T-shirts (a few children's sizes. The rest are adult sizes, a few smalls, some mediums, a lot of larges and some extra larges.) that say Live Generously. There

are a number of different colors as well.

They are in boxes in the coat corner of Kask Hall and are up for “grabs” for anyone who might like one – or more!!!

Feel free to help yourself. They can even be donated if you have a connection to a group that

might want them. Presently, they are doing no one any good sitting in boxes.

Forwarding Address...

420 Roper Road - Apt. 221
Winter Garden, FL. 34787

Thank you for all you have done for me and my family over the years.

Micki Hein

Construction Job – Doorway Needed

We used to have a clothing rack that I used as a doorway once a year, for skirts that the First Communion kids put on as a part of their First Communion preparation.

During that pandemic that clothing rack found a new home and now I need a doorway for our First Communion skirts. It doesn't need to be anything fancy. Just a wooden doorway (no door) that can stand on its own and is about six feet tall and about two and a half feet wide. We won't need it until April 2023, but I figured I'd get the word out now in case anyone is looking for a summer project and so that I didn't forget about it.

All expenses related to the construction of this doorway will be reimbursed by Emmanuel. If you'd been interested in taking on this project, please contact Alice in the church office.

~Pastor Amanda



Calumet – Walk the Walk

Last summer some members and friends of Emmanuel participated in Camp Calumet's Walk the Walk, an annual fund raiser for Camp Calumet. This is how it works.

- People sign up and pay a \$25.00 registration fee.
- They join their congregation's team.
- Beginning on July 1st, they start walking and they keep track of the number of miles that they walk. The goal is at least a mile a day, although some people walk much, much more. They walk individually. They walk with friends. They walk with other people on their team. They walk with their dogs (who can, by the way, be registered for the fund raiser too).
- Four times during the 8-week program (every two weeks) they report their miles to their team captain.

That's it. Simple and fun. You can read more about Calumet's Walk the Walk program here:

<https://calumet.org/walkthewalk2022> .

We'd like for Emmanuel to have a team again this year. If you would like to join, please register on Calumet's website. All registrations need to be in by **June 30th**, so that you can start counting your miles on July 1st.

Doris Dimpel has volunteered to be Emmanuel's Team Captain, so she will be in touch throughout the program to keep the team together and to collect your miles.

