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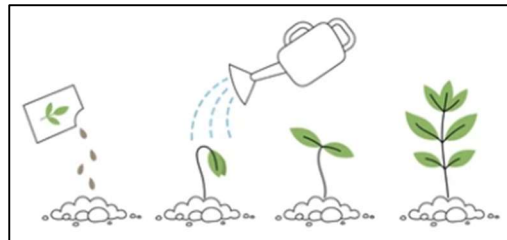
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Office Hours: Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 9-1

April 15, 2026

Blessing of the Seeds - Sunday, April 19

We may not all be farmers or gardeners, but we all depend on plants for oxygen and agriculture for food. Together we will pray for water and soil, seeds and seedlings and all those who care for the land and the growing of food.



Bring seeds and seedlings, or tools and symbols of your care for the earth.

What is happening in the Middle East?
What is the ministry of Lutherans there?

ELCA ACCOMPANIMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2 PM, ON ZOOM

You can attend at Emmanuel or from your home.

To register, click here:

<https://community.elca.org/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=91b47cdc-f829-45f4-ae05-c4fdc30addf3&trid=91b47cdc-f829-45f4-ae05-c4fdc30addf3>

This is a unique chance to hear "on the ground" updates and discover how the ELCA is accompanying the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land along with other partners in the region from the Rev. Gabi Aelabouni, who oversees the ELCA's Service and Justice work in the Middle East and North Africa region, and Shadin Nassir, associate for the region. You will also meet ELCA missionaries serving in the region, Rev. Mark & Jennifer LaChonce and Rev. Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp & Paul Sapp, who will share about their work and experiences as well as the continued work being done by local partners.

These representatives from the region will also show you the best ways to provide immediate and effective support where it is needed most. We hope you can join us!

Worship and pray

Come in person at 10 am every Sunday

By phone: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

By computer or smartphone: Go to www.zoom.us. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

Fabio Machado, our guest musician for Easter, invites everyone to the Duquesne Symphony concert on Tuesday, April 21.

Fabio Machodo says: "Next April 21, I will play the Dvorak Cello Concerto in B Minor at Power Center here In Duquesne University. You are invited. I would like to say thank you for the Easter worship service. It was a great time to be with you all."

DUQUESNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Charles J. Dougherty Ballroom, Power Center

SOLOIST: FABIO MACHADO

DVOŘÁK'S CELLO CONCERTO IN B MINOR

There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 (at the door)

Carpool from Emmanuel at 6:30 pm or meet Pastor Linda at Duquesne.

Antonin Dvořák wrote the Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104, in 1894 & 1895 while a guest musician in New York City. This concerto is known for its lyrical beauty and emotional depth and is one of the most frequently performed cello concertos.



Easter Fair Trade Chocolate Sale at Emmanuel

Today through May 1

All fair-trade large chocolate bars are marked down

Equal Exchange chocolate bars are \$2.00

The Divine chocolate bars are \$3.50

(The small Divine Chocolate bars are \$2.50)



Emmanuel's Mission Statement:

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, Emmanuel is called by God to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with a Lutheran emphasis on God's grace and forgiveness. As people who have received God's mercy, we support each other in faithful living. Emmanuel's purpose is to welcome ALL people into its fellowship, to share the Good News with ALL people, to strive for peace and justice in ALL the world, and to serve ALL people following Christ's example.



TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS for our weekly worship services, contact Judy Mayhood (412-760-0986), call the church office, or sign up on the Flower Chart in the entry way. The cost is \$50, or \$25 per vase.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Call Pastor Theophilus for yourself or others to be included in prayer. Contact Marsha Kennedy also; she sends cards to let people know that we are praying for them. You can reach Marsha at 412-824-4966 or Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net or 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

The Holy Spirit and the Story of PENTECOST

Sunday, May 17, at 1 pm.

Optional lunch at 12 noon.

Pastor Ken Ofslager teaches once a month on a Sunday afternoon, usually on the third Sunday. We will take a break for the summer months and resume in the fall. Proposed topics: Bad girls of the Bible and Exodus.

You can participate in person or via zoom.

To join via zoom, use the Emmanuel class link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89760867900>

Meeting ID: 897 6086 7900

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING.

You may give in person, send a contribution in the mail or donate online.

Go to <https://www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org/> and you'll see the link.

Or use the QR code for easy connection on your smart phone.



Sunday, April 12, 1-2:30 pm – Pastor Ken's Class

Sunday, April 19 -- Blessing of the Seeds, Soil & Water

Sunday, May 10 -- Mother's Day/Bread for the World offering of letters

Sunday, May 17, 1-2:30 pm – Pastor Ken's Class

Sunday, May 24 -- PENTECOST

GATHER BIBLE STUDY - Join other women in the eastern suburbs for a monthly Bible study on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. We meet at Zion Lutheran Church in Penn Hills.



1:00-2:30 pm – Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church,

11609 Frankstown Road

In April, we'll begin a three-part study on "I AM: God's holy name and promise," by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson. Each session is self-contained, so if you miss one, feel free to come to the next one.

I have cataract surgery coming up. The first surgery is Monday, April 27. The second surgery is probably on Monday, May 11. If all goes well, there will be minimal recovery time, but limited driving between the surgeries. Thank you for your prayers and patience.

Pastor Linda



Stewardship Reflection by Pastor Dennis Orsen

In his ***Small Catechism***, Martin Luther wrote, "Where there is forgiveness of sins there is life and salvation."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu authored a book titled, ***No Future without Forgiveness***.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, in his book ***Out of the Ruble***, wrote about nations needing to forgive one another.

The practice of Christian stewardship begins by being grounded in the forgiveness of sins: God's forgiveness of our sins, our forgiving the sins of others, our receiving God's forgiveness, the forgiveness of others, and the forgiveness of ourselves.

Pastor Linda will be attending Saints Among Citizens, the annual gathering of Pennsylvania Lutherans in Harrisburg. It is also known as Lutheran Day at the Capital. The event is Monday, April 20. A group from our synod will carpool together. There will be one or two extra cars in our parking lot on Sunday, April 19.

They'll know we are Christians by our love. In a time of turbulence in our nation and around the world - with consequences that threaten our neighbors, our democracy and our common home — what does it mean to show up as church together for the sake of the world God loves? This year we are leaning into a call to equip all disciples to act for justice and peace — building more welcoming communities and a more resilient Commonwealth.



The Joy of Easter

Easter Greetings from Bishop Yehiel Curry, ELCA presiding bishop

Presiding Bishop Curry says that even though we consider ourselves to be an Easter church, we must remember that we are also a Lenten church, a time when we live in uncertainty, waiting and hoping for renewal. "Yes, we are Easter people. Even when the ground below us is shaking, we will not grow weary. We know that Jesus is our foundation. Christ is risen, and that truth strengthens us. It gives us courage to live, to hope, and to proclaim joy. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Watch the complete video from the ELCA website - elca.org. [The Joy of Alleluia | Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry | Easter 2026](#).
