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This is a two-week mailing; bulletins for April 26 and May 3 are included.

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

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.

Farewell and Godspeed

Amy Imblum is retiring. We are going to miss her deeply. Emmanuel has benefited immensely from her work on our behalf.

Since August 9, 2022, she has brought her numerous office skills, Lutheran congregation understanding, and good humor to the communication and administrative behind the scenes work of Emmanuel. In that time, she oversaw setting up a new website and improved our use of the Servant Keeper church management software while maintaining high quality bulletin and announcements in English and in Spanish. She guided us through the purchase and installation of a new computer and a new Xerox printer. (The old one was over 20 years old.)

Amy's last day in the Emmanuel office is April 30. With great gratitude, we pray that she may flourish in God's grace.

Eternal God,

We thank you for Amy Imblum and
for the time that we have shared with her.

We are grateful that she has enriched this congregation and
for the many ways that she has shared her gifts with us.

Gracious God,

as Amy has been a blessing to us,
so now send her forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



The **Plug in the Jug AA group** has completed their work. The last meeting was Wednesday, April 8.

Pastor Dennis and I attended their farewell meeting. It was a time of great gratitude for many lives changed for the better.

This AA group had its first meeting on December 19, 1986, at Emmanuel.

As the granddaughter of an alcoholic who found sobriety before I was born, I am deeply grateful for AA.

Pastor Linda

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 for fall: 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, 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
Monday, June 8, 1:00 pm -- Council Meeting

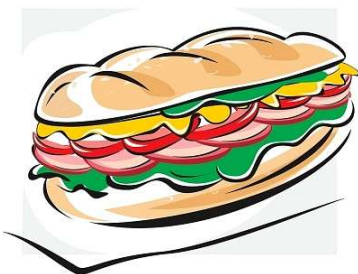


GATHER BIBLE STUDY -- Join other women in the eastern suburbs for a monthly Bible study on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. We meet at Zion Lutheran Church in Penn Hills.

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.

Bread, vine and light: Abiding with us (John 6, 8 and 15). We begin this session by rooting and grounding ourselves in the story of Moses at the Burning Bush, learning about God's holy name, I AM—a name that holds all of time and space, all that was and all that is and all that will be, past, present and future. From there, we will explore three of Jesus's "I AM" statements: "I am the bread of life;" "I am the true vine," and "I am the light of the world." Each of these declarations bring to the fore the ways that God, whose name is "I AM," abides with God's people, providing, nurturing and sustaining us in day-to-day life.



Meals for Friends Hoagie Sale – Thursday, June 11

Meals for Friends is once again selling delicious Triangle Bar and Grill Hoagies. Hoagies cost \$7.00 each and can be ordered with or without onions. You can pick up your hoagies on June 11 between noon and 2 pm at Emmanuel. **Place your order by June 8** via email mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com or by calling 412-824-2400.

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)

Stewardship Reflection by Pastor Dennis Orsen

Today, April 22, is Earth Day. Earth Day began in the United States in 1970. The idea for Earth Day originated with Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. In 1990, nearly 200 million people in 141 countries participated in Earth Day activities. By 2010, the number of participants grew to nearly one billion. In 2020, more than one billion participated.



Daniel C. Maguire was Professor of Ethics in the Department of Theology at Marquette University when he authored *Sacred Energies* in 2000, published by Fortress Press. Several paragraphs caught my attention. Space permits only a couple of quotes:

Until recently we thought the world was infinite. We wanted all poor countries to develop so they could live as we do.If everyone ate like we eat and consume like we do in affluent countries, it would take many earths to meet the supply. This one would be too small. (page 4)

The industrial revolution was not so much a way of making things as it was, in the words of French historian Fernand Braudel, "a transformation of desires.....a revolution in demand." Its success depended on making us want more things than we could ever need. And it does this with a mind-altering tool, the likes of which had never been seen before. It is called advertising. (page 13)

Not only Earth Day, but the gospel itself calls us to care for the earth, the environment and all of creation every day. I am grateful the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has an emphasis on caring for creation.

WE DO NOT WANT ANYONE TO BE HUNGRY OR MALNOURISHED

Therefore:

Emmanuel supports local food banks,
Hosts and participates with Meals for Friends,
And we write letters in support of programs that provide food for our neighbors.

This year Emmanuel is doing our Bread for the World Offering of Letters on Mother's Day because the programs we will write about directly benefit mothers and children.



Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Our mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

Each year, since 1974, Christian leaders of all kinds have united to support food programs. We agree that in addition to feeding and serving through our congregations, we want to use our voice as citizens to persuade our government to be active in ending hunger.

The policies and programs Bread fights for have impacted 320 million people in the U.S. and more than 7 billion people around the world. You can learn more about Bread for the World on their website, www.bread.org.